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ELECTION COMMISSIONER LAVASA NAMED V-P OF ADB

Ashok Lavasa was next in line to head the poll panel. He can take the new job only after resigning from his current position

2ND PERSON TO LEAVE POLL PANEL MID-WAY

Lavasa, who would have retired as the Chief Election Commissioner in October 2022, would be the second Election Commissioner to step down from the poll panel before the completion of his term. The last time an Election Commissioner put in his papers was in 1973 when CEC Nagendra Singh was appointed a judge in the International Court of Justice, The Hague

HAD OPPOSED CLEAN CHIT TO MODI, SHAH

- During the 2019 LS polls, Lavasa dissented with ECI's decision to give a clean chit to PM Narendra Modi and former BJP president Amit Shah on charges of violating the Model Code of Conduct
- Election Commission sources said Lavasa is yet to resign from the poll body as he is due to join the ADB only in September | P8

CEC

SUSHIL CHANDRA WILL NOW BE THE NEXT IN THE LINE FOR THE TOP POST

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Don blinks, lets foreign students have visa power

India has the second largest student community in the US only after China

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

FOLLOWING outrage and several lawsuits, the Donald Trump administration on Tuesday rescinded the order that would have barred the entry of foreign students, with full online classes, into the US.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in an order on July 6, had said no that foreign students would be allowed to continue residence or enter the US if their classes had shifted completely to the online mode due to the coronavirus pandemic. The move was likely to affect thousands of Indian students.

Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on July 8 dragged the Trump administration to court, saying that the order was both reckless and unlawful.

On Tuesday, before the hearing in a Boston district court, the judge announced that the US government and the two universities had come to an agreement to drop the new guidelines and restore status quo. "The government has agreed to rescind the decision as well as any implementation of the directive," District Judge Allison Burroughs said.

Pressure on the Trump administration mounted after tech majors Google and Facebook also supported the lawsuit filed by the two universities. In all, 17 states had filed lawsuits against the order with 136 Congressman also urging Trump to reverse it.

According to Indian estimates, there are around 2.5 lakh Indian students in the US and they contribute significantly to the revenue of many universities. The order reversal has sent a wave of relief among the students. P9

Our deputy CM and PCC president himself was doing the deal and giving statements that there was no horse-trading... Speaking good English or giving a byte is not everything
- Ashok Gehlot, chief minister

Rebels on notice, Gehlot goes for the kill

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

A day after taking away all party and government positions from Sachin Pilot and his loyalist lawmakers to crush their revolt, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot went for the kill, as Assembly Speaker C P Joshi slapped disqualification notices on them.

It also brought clarity on the size of the rebellion, as notices were served on 19 lawmakers, holding them accountable for anti-party activities for skipping two back-to-back Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meetings. They have till Friday noon to respond in writing. Pilot was Gehlot's deputy and PCC president till the axe fell.

Rajasthan Congress incharge Avinash Pandey turned the screw further, saying if the 19 MLAs do not respond within two days, it will be presumed that they are giving up their CLP membership.

While the dominant Gehlot camp hopes a few rebels would jump ship, it expects the disqualification of the rest will bring down the simple majority mark in the Assembly (101 now) and help clear the floor test. Gehlot claimed he already has the support of 106, including allies and Independents.

For his part, Pilot said he had no plans of joining the BJP. "I would like to make it clear that I have no plans to join the BJP," Pilot said.

But Gehlot was rather blunt in his counter. "Horse-trading was being done in Jaipur in the run-up to the Rajya Sabha elections. We have proof. We had to keep people at a hotel for 10 days at that point. If we had not done that, the same thing that is happening in Manesar now would have happened back then," the Chief Minister pointed out.

As for the Congress high command, it wanted all the rebels to refuse the BJP's hospitality in Haryana's Manesar resort and return, if there was to be any possibility of rapprochement. "Stop all conversations with them (BJP) and come back to your home in Jaipur," Congress spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala told Pilot. P7

EXPRESS READ

Infosys Q1 net profit rises 12.4% to ₹4,272 cr

Bengaluru: Infosys on Wednesday posted a 12.4% rise in the first quarter consolidated net profit to ₹4,272 crore, helped by large deals. It said its FY21 revenue is likely to grow by up to 2%. The company's revenue grew 8.5% to ₹23,665 crore in the quarter under review. P10

CBSE results: B'luru region comes third

Bengaluru: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Wednesday declared results for the Class 10 examination. Bengaluru region, covering the entire state, has bagged the third place in terms of pass percentage, with 98.23%, out of 16 regions. A total of 91.46% of students passed the exams in the country, compared to 91.10% last year. P5

Reliance Industries' Jio creates 5G solution

New Delhi: Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries on Wednesday said Jio has built a Made-in-India 5G solution that can be ready for field deployment next year. P10

LAC talks were tough, went on for 14 hrs

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

A day after the 14-hour marathon meeting of the Lieutenant General-level commanders of India and China, there is no official word on its outcome, indicating the tough nature of the talks. The Army is still analysing the discussions, which began on Tuesday 11:30 am and stretched up to Wednesday 2 am, sources said.

A senior Army officer said, "Internal deliberations are still on. Only after that can something concrete be said."

Depsang and Finger-4 were the important stress points for deliberations during the meeting between Indian Army's Lt Gen Harinder Singh and Major Gen Lin Liu of the Chinese PLA at Chushul.

Meanwhile, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has decided to visit the frontlines both at the Line of Actual Control with China and the Line of Control with Pakistan on July 17 and 18.

China claims 'progress'

China on said on Wednesday that the talks achieved "progress" on promoting "further disengagement" of the border troops to de-escalate tensions

A person aware of the developments said the minister may announce the salient points of LAC deliberations when he visits Leh on July 17.

On Wednesday, a Defence Acquisition Council meeting chaired by the minister granted special powers to the Armed Forces to purchase weapons and equipment worth up to ₹300 crore to meet their emergent operational requirements. "This will shrink the procurement timelines and ensure placement of orders within six months and commencement of deliveries within one year," the Ministry of Defence said.

With the week-long lockdown kicking in and roads emptying out, a man puts away a horse-drawn cart near KR Market in Bengaluru on Tuesday | SHRIRAM BN

HOW THE DISTRICTS ARE DOING IT

All districts will observe complete lockdown on Sundays and night curfew from 8 pm to 5 am (REPORTS: P2 & 3)

FULL LOCKDOWN

(EXCEPT MEDICAL SHOPS, HEALTHCARE SERVICES)

Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural: Essential services allowed between 5 am and 12 noon, till 5 am on July 22

Dakshina Kannada: Essential services between 8 am and 11 am till 5 am on July 23

Hubballi-Dharwad: Essential services between 5 am and 12 noon till midnight on July 24

Shivamogga: Essential services between 5 am and 2 pm until further orders

Kalaburagi: Essential services from 10 am to 3 pm till July 20

RESTRICTIONS/ PARTIAL LOCKDOWN

Udupi: Borders sealed till July 31

Kodagu: Night curfew between 6 pm and 6 am till July 31

C'magaluru: Night curfew from 7 pm to 5 am, inter-district movement banned

Gadag, Kolar, C'ballapur: Voluntary lockdown (2 pm-5 am)

Hassan: Voluntary partial lockdown

Belagavi: Week-long lockdown in Athani, Kagwad, Nippani, Mudalgi and Gokak

Bagalkot: 6 pm-6 am Curfew

Vijayapura: Weekend lockdown

MP police assault Dalit family after suicide bid during eviction drive

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

IN what appeared to be an attempt to normalise excesses, the Guna district administration in Madhya Pradesh on Wednesday defended police assaults on a Dalit couple who had attempted suicide after their standing crops were crushed to evict them.

The state government later tried to limit damage by suspending the Guna District Collector and Superintendent of Police, while ordering a high-level probe. The assault happened in the Jagatpur Chak area of Guna on Tuesday. Also, the couple's children were roughly pushed away and their relatives allegedly assaulted by the police.

While the Revenue Department claimed the family was squatting on land allotted for a college, the Dalits claimed they were doing share-cropping on the land since long and had paid ₹3 lakh for it.

"We've been farming on it for a long time. When our standing crop was destroyed by a JCB, we didn't have any option other than committing suicide. We've a debt burden of ₹3 lakh on our heads," the couple Ram Kumar and Savitri Bai said. The excavator was brought in as the Revenue Department wanted them evicted so as to build a boundary wall.

Before his suspension, Collector S Vishwanath said, "Our team acted only after the couple consumed pesticide to rush them to hospital. Had they not acted, the couple could have died and the situation snowballed. The couple is now out of danger." According to the administration, around 45 bighas at that site were grabbed by local mafia don Gabbu Pardi who had loaned ₹3 lakh to the Dalit family and used them as a front.

Department of Health and Family Welfare

Shri B. S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister

TAKING A COVID-19 SWAB TEST?

Home Isolation is your responsibility

As a matter of abundant caution and to ensure safety of your loved ones, any person awaiting results from a **COVID-19 SWAB TEST** must remain in home quarantine till the test results are available.

HELPLINES for COVID-19 or other Health Emergencies

APTHAMITRA 14410 — COVID-19 only helpline, telemedicine & referral to hospital

AMBULANCE 108 — All health emergencies including COVID-19

GET HELP 1912 — For grievances related to denial of hospital admission for COVID-19

HELPLINE 104 — Information regarding all general health issues

Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare
Shri B. Sriramulu visiting COVID-19 Government Hospital

CAUTION WILL HELP US ENDURE

#KarnatakaFightsCorona

Health For All, Health Everywhere

SAVING LIVES

State adds new tool to cut Covid mortality

RAMU PATIL @ Bengaluru

BOGGED down by the surging numbers, the health authorities are now working on a plan to cut the time taken to provide treatment to Covid-19 patients, specially the high-risk category.

Laboratories conducting the Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) tests on samples will be directed to mention the Cycle Threshold (CT) level in the test reports, which will give an indication of the viral load among positive patients.

The move is likely to help provide timely treatment to critical patients and minimise mortality, especially at a time when deaths due to Covid-19 have almost doubled from 470 on July 8 to 928 on July 15. This has happened mainly due to late reporting at hospitals.

The CT level, along with symptoms and comorbidities, will help doctors decide which Covid-19-positive individuals need more urgent medical attention than others — a process called triaging.

Senior IAS officer Dr Trilok Chandra, who heads the Covid-19 Critical Care Support Committee, said directives will be issued to laboratories conducting the RT-PCR tests on Thursday.

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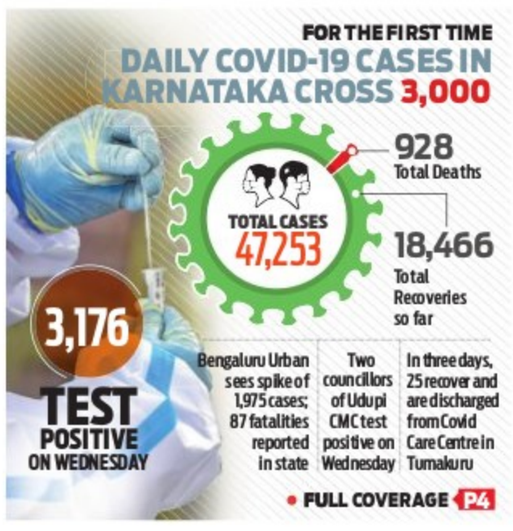
FOR THE FIRST TIME
DAILY COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA CROSS 3,000
928
Total Deaths
TOTAL CASES
47,253
18,466
Total Recoveries so far
3,176
TEST POSITIVE ON WEDNESDAY
Bengaluru Urban sees spike of 1,975 cases; 87 fatalities reported in state
Two councillors of Udupi CMC test positive on Wednesday
In three days, 25 recover and are discharged from Covid Care Centre in Tumakuru
FULL COVERAGE P4

ALMANAC TODAY
Thursday 16/07/2020 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana: Uttharayana • Ritu: Greeshma • Masa: Ashada • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Ekadashi 9:25 pm • Nakshatra: Krithika 5:38 pm • Moon in Mithuna Rashi • Rahukaala: 01:30 pm to 03:00pm • Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST: Light showers. Broken clouds

Sunrise 6.01 am | Sunset 6.50 pm | Moonrise 2.03 am | Moonset 3.00 pm

COMMUNITY COPS

Police chief calls for wardens, 8K respond

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

THE City police have received an overwhelming response from Bengalureans to work with the police as voluntary civil police wardens in implementing the week-long lockdown, which began on Tuesday night. "Around 8,000 people have registered at the Bengaluru City police website — bcp.gov.in," said a senior city police officer.

"Their credentials are being verified. Some of them are already on the job with the cops," he added. Once their credentials are verified by the jurisdictional police, they are being briefed by the designated police sub-inspector, who is also the community liaison officer.

City Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao on Tuesday evening tweeted, inviting "physically fit n service minded residents of Bengaluru, both men and women, between the age of 18 to 45 to volunteer as civil police warden to help the local police in regulation and enforcement of anti-Covid measures." People had started registering soon after they read his tweet.

"Volunteers will be required to work along with the police for various duties such as manning the checkposts, night patrol and mobile rounds among other duties as per their availability and convenience. Civil wardens will be working with their jurisdictional police and will be briefed by the area police station. The objective is to pool in local resources for community policing for healthcare-related work," said the officer.

Around 2,500 city police personnel are off-duty because of Covid-19. "Many of them have been placed under quarantine. Over 500 police personnel have tested positive so far in the city. Those over 50 years of age or with co-morbid conditions have been asked to work from home as precautionary measures. Civil Defence volunteers were pooled in by the Labour Department and BBMP for Covid-related work. We had to raise the civil police wardens from among the public," said the officer.

The volunteers are from all walks of life; mostly students and other professionals, who are willing to spare a few hours every day as police wardens. "Many of them have worked with us during the initial lockdown days and are familiar with the work," the officer added.

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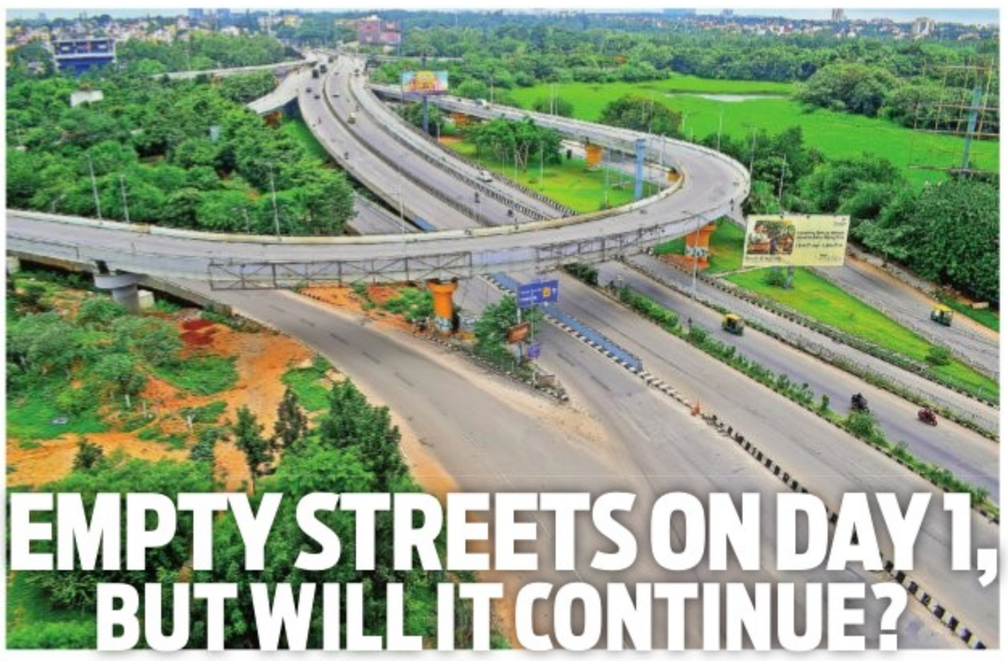
EXPRESS READ

HC allows putting up Covid awareness banners

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday permitted the state government and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to display Covid awareness hoardings made of cotton cloth — provided there are no advertisements — in Bengaluru. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Alok Aradhe allowed display of hoardings which are not made of prohibited material. The banners will be displayed at 500 locations in BBMP limits, 12 spots under Bangalore Development Authority and 35 state government properties. The banners must be removed once the situation is brought under control, the bench said. ENS



EMPTY STREETS ON DAY 1, BUT WILL IT CONTINUE?

Barricades back as lockdown kicks in; vehicles of violators seized

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

MOST localities in Bengaluru, where a fresh seven-day complete lockdown began on Tuesday night, wore a deserted look. By and large, the first day of the lockdown was successful, with people not venturing out unnecessarily and shops and commercial establishments, except medical establishments, closing at 12 noon on Wednesday.

To make the lockdown more effective, the city police had barricaded main roads from Tuesday night, to curb unnecessary movement of vehicles. Though shops selling essential commodities were allowed to be open from 5 am till 12 noon, it was not business as usual except for milk vendors. As people preferred to stay home and most of them had already bought essentials, shops did not see many customers.

Very few vehicles were seen on Hebbal Road after the lockdown was enforced in the city on Wednesday; a partially-shut shop on Kamaraj Road (above) | VINOD KUMAR T, PANDARINATH B

After 12 noon, the city came to a standstill as only hospitals and pharmacies were allowed to open. Also, there was moderate rainfall in many parts of the city, discouraging people to step out.

Though hotels were allowed to operate and give only takeaways, many hoteliers chose to close the eateries as just parcels and online orders would not fetch them even the operational cost.

As a precautionary measure, the police have closed all flyovers in the city, barring those on the International Airport Road, till the lockdown ends. They also stopped some commuters and seized their vehicles after it was found that they were roaming without a valid reason. Senior police officers were monitoring the situation to ensure that the lockdown is enforced effectively.

There was vehicular movement in the morning and evening, as some government offices were open and functioned with 50 per cent of staff.

Amidst a strict lockdown, there were some stray incidents of youths speeding on two-wheelers. A youth sustained injuries on Wednesday morning near KR Market after he lost control over the vehicle and hit the footpath. He was taken to hospital by the police.

Train passengers left high and dry at KSR stn

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

WITH the lockdown clamped on Bengaluru Urban and Rural on Tuesday night, it was passengers who arrived and departed at Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna railway station who were worst-hit.

Struggling to find transport, many walked to the station, while others reached before the lockdown began on Tuesday night, for a morning train.

Passengers made desperate calls as private taxis cancelled bookings, auto drivers demanded a king's ransom to ferry passengers and people waited with their luggage at the station.

Those who flew into Bengaluru had a better deal, as taxi services were operational at KIA all day. Only a sixth of BMTC's Vayu Vajra fleet was operational to and from KIA.

Four trains reached KSR Station on Wednesday morning, with 124 passengers on board the Udyan Express from Mumbai, 229 passengers on the Rajdhani Express from New Delhi, 76 on the Mysuru-SBC Special and 58 on the Belgaum-SBC Superfast Express.

Over 1,000 passengers waited for hours to board the Sangamitra Express to Bihar, which was to depart at 10 am. "I knew it would be tough to get transport in the morning, so I came here before the lockdown started at 8 pm," said Pawar Lal.

An elderly couple from Bihar, on a visit to Bengaluru, couldn't find a vehicle in the morning. "We walked to the station from Gandhinagar," said Manisha Devi.

A family which returned to the city, boards one of the few autorickshaws they found near KSR Station on Wednesday | MEGHANA SASTRY

Shweta Nagaraj, who boarded the Udyan Express at Guntakal, was frustrated with taxis cancelling her ride. Anbu, who had come from Mumbai and planned to board a bus to Karaikudi, was in for a rude shock. "I will somehow reach the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border and take a bus from there," he said.

A Railway Protection Force cop felt arrangements should have been made for incoming passengers. "A few alighted from the Mysuru train and wanted to reach KIA, but there is no shuttle."

Meanwhile, airport authorities asked their passengers to coordinate with taxi airport services.

A senior BMTC official said that of 121 Vayu Vajra schedules, only 21 will run.

Final-year engineering students ask govt to reconsider exams

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@Bengaluru

FINAL year engineering students across the state are appealing to the government to scrap regular examinations and consider other options such as promotion based on year-round assessment.

Engineering students wrote to Minister for Higher Education and Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan on Wednesday, expressing their unhappiness with the decision of Visvesvaraya Technological University and other colleges to conduct regular on-campus exams, and hold classes before that. The state government had, on July 10, permitted public and private universities to hold exams for final year students by September-end, either online, offline, or a mix of both.

Students pointed out that they would have to travel long distances to their colleges, exposing them to the risk of contracting Covid-19, if regular exams are held. They also said that due to varying levels of lockdown in different parts of the state, transport might not be available for all students to travel to their colleges. Students would be crammed in hostels until exams are held and practising physical distance would not be possible. Some might not even have accommodation as PG and hostel owners might not allow them to enter the premises, the said.

Students said the universities should consider alternative ways to promote students, such as Continuous Internal Evaluation — based on year-round performance — and allow dissatisfied students to write exams at a later date if required.

They pointed out that each semester's academic performance is considered for the final grade, 4th, 6th and 8th semesters are equally important, and the last semester has fewer credits and 175 of 200 credits are already completed by semester 7.

Students who have already secured jobs are expected to start work by mid-August and the current exam schedule would inconvenience them as they would have to take leave for a month while they are on probation.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

16th July: Today is a Piscean day - and that goes for all of us. Obviously, we're not all going to be doing the same things at the same time, but there could be a liveliness in the air, a sense that anything is possible. It's a great moment for wild speculation, less so for tackling tedious nuts and bolts.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Continue to bide your time and don't allow other people to pressurise you into an early decision. Neither should you allow them to scoff at your ideas. Above all, you must have the courage of your convictions. If you stand up for what is right, then your self-esteem can only increase.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Unless a final agreement is reached now, it will be some time before you are prepared to re-open negotiations, perhaps because your ideas no longer seem so wonderful. You're entering a period which can best be described as one of contemplation, and your most interesting ideas will not be for public consumption.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Whatever is currently taking place either at home or at work, remember that you may be required to pay up. So, you should be very cautious and avoid all rash financial commitments. You might now be a good influence on people who have broken the rules once too often.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Some personal pressures are easing, but others are waiting in the wings. You feel as if you should take control, but is that really wise? If you give yourself as long as you need to consider the consequences, you'll decide on the best course of action. Think things through!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You have become involved in associations which could be helping your self-confidence. Only one question is now outstanding, and that is whether current relationships are based on genuine honesty and understanding. As a matter of interest, it's a suitable moment for telling someone how you really feel about them - in a positive sense, of course.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You appear to be on the fringes of a rather complex emotional situation, for which there now seem to be two possible outcomes. Either it will all blow over, or it will be removed from your hands. One way or the other, you can afford to be more relaxed.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The only way to form successful partnerships now is to do what you have always done best - compromise and consult. Plus, you can leave people at work to sort out what they want before attempting to reach firm decisions. After all, if they don't see eye-to-eye then joint plans are unlikely to get very far.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
What is difficult for other people could be very helpful for you. Therefore, please do concentrate on making the most of any and every opportunity which comes your way, even while you're helping partners out of any difficulty. Consider social arrangements carefully, because by tomorrow your needs will have changed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You can still make heavy weather of home and family matters, perhaps because you have been confused, even dumbstruck, by relatives' changes of mood or opinion. It is quite acceptable to press on with practical improvements without waiting for permission.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Mercury is soon to alter its position so, if you've reached a firm decision, you may have to think again, even if only to confirm your original choice. The time for straight talking will return very soon, but until then you should concentrate on getting the facts straight, and on clearing up misunderstandings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Maximum confusion is likely at work and in all routine chores, so if you drop, break or lose vital items, you'll know why: it's all thanks to the muddling effects of Neptune, delicately aligned with Venus and Mercury. Mind you, it's a fine moment for artists and lovers.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You've taken on too much. You may have no choice but to fulfil your promises but, in future, you should learn to say 'no' more often than 'yes' and so avoid such taxing and potentially expensive conditions. You may be able to appeal to a friend for help, but they might want to know how you came to repeat an old mistake.

THE PHANTOM

ON A LION HUNT, THE LLONGO MAKE A MEAL OF THE ANIMAL'S HEART...
I PROMISED OUR FRIENDS WE'D HONOR THEIR TRADITION, DEVIL....
DON'T ENJOY THIS TOO MUCH, DEVIL....
WE'RE NOT GOING TO HUNT LIONS EVERY DAY.

HI AND LOIS

I DON'T SEEM TO HAVE AS MUCH GET-UP-AND-GO ANYMORE.
WHY IS THAT?
I'M NOT SO CRAZY ABOUT WHERE I HAVE TO GO AFTER I GET UP.
YOU MEAN WORK?

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

				4		2	1	
			6					3
9			3		5			4
					9	8		6
	6		5		7		2	
8		7	4					
1			7		3			2
7					4			
	2	4		5				

HARD

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzles

3	9	4	1	8	5	2	6	7
7	6	2	3	9	4	8	1	5
1	5	8	7	6	2	9	4	3
6	3	1	5	2	7	4	8	9
8	7	9	4	1	6	5	3	2
4	2	5	9	3	8	6	7	1
9	8	6	2	7	3	1	5	4
2	4	7	8	5	1	3	9	6
5	1	3	6	4	9	7	2	8

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ORJEK

MICPR

PTYREO

TTTEAL

Is that my saw?
I'm going to have to call you back.
I'm glad we finally got our permits.
No more sharing the bed.
THE DOGS LEARNED TO USE TOOLS SO THEY COULD WORK ON THEIR ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: _____ _____

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MUSIC SLANT QUENCH WOODEN
Answer: The store's window featured all-female life-size figures. One could call them — "WOMANNEQUINS"

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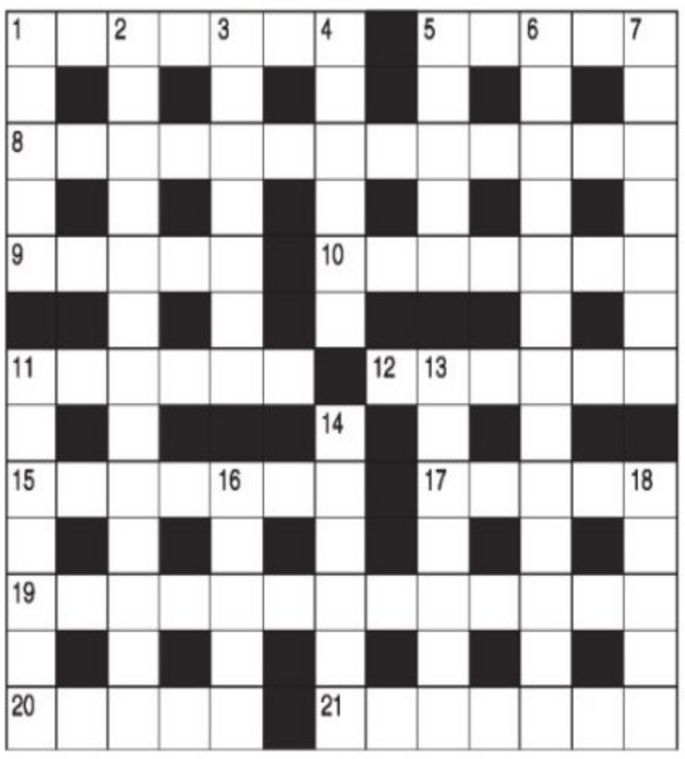
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Talk to William about the fuel account (3,4)
5 Handy aids to warmth (5)
8 Hit or miss affair indicating a wrongful conviction? (5,3,5)
9 A friend joins Mother in Majorca (5)
10 It may be worn as a favour (7)
11 Natural encores (6)
12 Times for working garments (6)
15 Make a book? (7)
17 Fanciful idea about breaking an embankment (5)
19 Fixed rule deciding priority in a queue? (8,5)
20 Records talk without us (5)
21 Put into bonds an account of great interest? (7)

DOWN

1 Leave your bed clothes (3-2)
2 Upset some runners? Let's hear about it (5,3,5)
3 Reputation for enjoying poor health? (3-4)
4 They're fitted inside ships (6)
5 Joins, suffers and pays (5)
6 Court verdict on Eve? (5,8)
7 They first hit the ball and wait (7)
11 Unmasked once one asked questions (7)
13 No inner sanctuary (7)
14 Risk not completing part of the church (6)
16 Large river some Asians find useful (5)
18 Moslem leader said to be virtuous (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Monks, 8 Roentgen, 9 Sinew, 10 Editions, 11 Essay, 12 Spa, 16 Forage, 17 Scythe, 18 Ark, 23 Spire, 24 Hard tack, 25 Stamp, 26 Cowslips, 27 Hyena.

Down: 2 Omission, 3 Keep away, 4 Hold-up, 5 Units, 6 Aglow, 7 Gnash, 12 Sea, 13 Ask, 14 Sympathy, 15 Third man, 19 Recipe, 20 Check, 21 Drawn, 22 Stall.

A 22-year-old youth was stabbed to death by his friends over buying liquor before the lockdown, in Byatarayanapura police station limits on Tuesday night. The deceased, Shashi, was a resident of Ambedkar Colony in Pantharapalya on Mysuru Road. Police said that they will nab the accused soon

LOCKDOWN IN SEVEN DISTS, STRICT CURBS IN 10 OTHERS

Some districts in self-imposed shutdown, others seal borders to fight Covid-19

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A traffic policeman stops two people on a two-wheeler as Bengaluru started its week-long lockdown on Wednesday | SHRIRAM BN

STRANDED passengers outside railway stations and bus stands, crowds at the airport, deserted markets, empty roads and law enforcement officers cracking down on lockdown norms violators, marked the first day of the week-long lockdown in Bengaluru Urban and Rural. Starting Wednesday, at least four more districts—Bidar, Kalaburagi, Dakshina Kannada and Dharwad—went under lockdown as well, in an attempt to contain the Covid-19 spread.

Shivamogga will see a lockdown from Thursday, until further orders, as decided at a meeting on Wednesday chaired by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister and district minister KS Eshwarappa.

While the lockdown ends on July 22 in Bengaluru Rural and Urban, Dakshina Kannada will open on July 23, Dharwad on July 24 and Kalaburagi on July 21.

"Essential services will be available. I appeal to citizens not to panic, follow all norms, take precautions and cooperate with the government," Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa had said on Tuesday night, ahead of the lockdown.

Four other districts—Hassan, Kolar, Gadag and Chikkaballapur—have imposed voluntary lockdown with traders' unions and vendors' associations deciding to shut business by 2pm every day. Kodagu, Udupi, Chikkamagaluru, Belagavi, Vijayapura and Bagalkot are witnessing heavier restrictions and partial lockdowns, as ordered by district authorities.

While the authorities have not ordered a lockdown in Udupi, district borders have been sealed till July 31. Those wanting to enter or exit the district via Shiroor check-post, Hejamady check-post, Mala, Someshwara, Hosangadi, among other places, were given time till 8pm Wednesday.

In Kodagu, night curfew has been extended to 12 hours, and businesses will be allowed to function only between 6am and 6pm till July 31. Instead of the Sunday lockdown, the authorities have decided on a complete lockdown through the weekend. In Bagalkot too, night curfew has been extended from 6pm to 6am.

The week-long lockdown in Dakshina Kannada came into effect at 8pm on Wednesday, while in Dharwad, it began at 10am. In Dakshina Kannada, emergency services and government offices have been exempted from the lockdown, while grocery shops will be open only between 8am and 11am. While public transport is prohibited, people who have booked their flights and trains in advance are permitted to move.

Dharwad district announced a 10-day lockdown from July 15 to midnight of July 24. All businesses, except those engaged in agriculture, manufacturing and construction work, will remain closed. Shops selling essentials will be open from 5 am to 12 noon, from Monday to Saturday. Transportation services have been stopped, and those entering the district will need passes from the administration. Dharwad district police have set up 16 check-posts along the borders. While life appeared normal on Wednesday morning, with people thronging shops to purchase essentials, roads wore a deserted look by afternoon as policemen cracked down on lockdown violators. In Kalaburagi, essentials are allowed between 10am and 3pm, with the lockdown in full force.

The Shivamogga district administration decided to impose afternoon lockdown from Thursday, shutting down all activities from 2 pm till 5 am the next day, until further orders. In Chikkamagaluru, the administration has shut inter-district movement of vehicles and also extended night curfew from 7 pm to 5 am.

While there is no official lockdown in Kolar district, Bangarpet MLA S N Narayanaswamy, in the presence of tahsildar Ramesh, during a meeting on Wednesday, decided to impose lockdown on the town from July 16 to 23.

Only God can save us, says Sriramulu

Chitradurga: On a day when Karnataka reported a huge jump in the number of Covid-19 cases, touching 3,167, Health Minister B Sriramulu appeared to leave it to the divine powers. "Only God can save us from the coronavirus," he said, and also predicted that the number of cases would shoot up in the next two months. Sriramulu told reporters, "The number of cases is increasing. The virus doesn't differentiate between the rich and poor. We should be alert." On the Opposition's allegations that a lack of coordination among ministers was leading to the spike in cases, he said, "These allegations are far from the truth. Only God can save us from corona. The virus cannot be defeated unless we practice social distancing, hygiene and wear masks." He said the State government has taken enough precautions to contain the spread of the virus. Earlier in the day, Sriramulu tweeted that Union Health Minister Dr Harshvardhan had assured him of all assistance to bring the Covid-19 situation in Karnataka under control.

Siddu blames govt for poor PUC results

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OPPOSITION leader Siddararamaiah blamed State Education Minister Suresh Kumar for the low pass percentage in the PUC-II exams. He said that a list of 1,298 candidates had been finalized for the posts of PUC lecturers in 2018 after an exhaustive recruitment process but Kumar cancelled the process. He said that the cancellation adversely affected students because of the shortage of teachers and that was the reason for the poor pass percentage.

Former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said the entire education process suffered under the curent government over the past four months.

Former minister H K Patil said that earlier, as soon as the staffers were selected, they were made to wait despite completing all the formalities. He said the shortage of teachers would impact students.

DKS U-turn: Covid hosps good

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KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee president **D K Shivakumar** on Wednesday morning visited Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru, a designated Covid-19 hospital, in his attempt to "lift the spirits of doctors and patients".

While he was denied entry into the hospital citing quarantine norms, Shivakumar held a meeting with hospital representatives on the lawn outside. Later, he also visited Bengaluru Medical College and interacted with doctors and patients through video-conferencing.

Shivakumar, who on Tuesday alleged that patients were being ill-treated at the hospitals, took an about-turn on Wednesday and lauded the efforts of hospital staff in extending care and facilities to Covid patients. "I do not want to find faults and make allegations. I have spoken to the patients and they told me that the facilities are good. My appeal is for ministers to come and visit hospitals, talk to patients and inspire doctors. They need our moral support," Shivakumar said.

He refused to comment on the allegations of misappropriation of Covid funds, lack of facilities, shortage of PPE kits etc, citing that he was on hospital grounds and did not want to talk about allegations.

Responding to Shivakumar's appeal to ministers to visit hospitals, Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar pointed out that he has visited Victoria Hospital at least 12 times in the last four months.

"Opposition parties that criticised the government over lack of facilities in Covid hospitals in Bengaluru seem to have finally realised the fact. The KPCC president himself has accepted that the government is doing a fine job and facilities are very good after he visited Victoria Hospital. My thanks to him," Sudhakar tweeted.

Search off for girl who drowned in drain

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THE search operation for the six-year-old girl who was washed away in an open drain in Marathahalli on July 10, has been called off by the rescue teams as they were not able to find her after more than three days.

The victim, **Monalika**, was playing with other children in the slum after her parents left for work that day. She reportedly went near a gap in the fencing near the drain to look at the gushing waters and accidentally fell in.

Since Friday, various rescue teams launched a massive search operation for the girl. The personnel of the Fire and Emergency Services Department and the National Disaster Response Force searched for the girl for more than three days. Separate teams looked for her within a 5 km radius of the place where she fell.

"The girl was not found despite all our efforts. Our hopes of finding her sunk by Sunday yet we looked for her on Monday too. As we could not find her still, the search operation was called off after Monday's operation," an official said.

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Notice Inviting E-Tender

E-Tender No. : MRIDC/PROJ/e-TENDER/EW/2020/67

MRIDC is inviting e-bids in two packet system from eligible bidders for the work mentioned below :

Name of Work : Construction of all Civil works upto formation level including dismantling of existing Narrow Gauge Line, Earthwork, Blanketing, Major & Minor Bridges, Road Under Bridges (RUB) / Limited Height Subway (LHS), Retaining Walls, Drains, Ground Improvement Works, Cement Concrete Lining, Cross Drainage Works, Relocation of Existing Roads & Utilities, Providing & Fixing of Over Head Equipment Mast etc. from Chainage (-) 1.214 Km to Chainage 30.00 Km and all Chord Lines, Shunting, Isolations / Sand Hump / Cross Overs etc. in all the station yards in connection with Gauge Conversion work between Nagbhir to Bhiwapur Section in Nagpur Division of South East Central Railway. **Estimated Cost :** ₹ 151,57,70,058/-. **Completion Period :** 300 Days. **Last Date and Time for Submission of Bids :** 18/08/2020 up to 15:00 hrs.

The detail e-tender notice is uploaded online. Interested bidders who wish to participate should visit **www.maharail.com** or **www.tenderwizard.com/MAHARAIL** to bid their offer.

Any corrigendum / addendum to this notice will be uploaded on the above-mentioned websites only.

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused/are getting the said Notice to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notice are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.
In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to HDFC Limited, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amount indicated hereinbelow in their name(s), together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice from the date mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset has been mortgaged to HDFC Limited by the said Borrower (s) respectively.
Attention of the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

1) Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s): Borrower: (1) (a) M/s. Gowri Heights Private Limited. No.41, 2nd Floor, Basaveshwara Layout, HBCS 2nd Stage, Attiguppe, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560040 **(b) M/s. Gowri Heights Private Limited,** Gowri Ideal Homes, Ideal Homes Hi-Tech Society Layout, Site No.492, Sy.No.40, Kyalasanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, **Guarantor: (2) (a) Mr. C P Umesh S/o Mr.Puttaswamy,** No.210, 4th Main, 10th Cross, NGEF Layout, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore-560072 **(b) Mr. C P Umesha,** S/o Mr.Puttaswamy, No.110, Annapoorneshwari Layout, Mallathalli, Ullal Main Road, 4th Cross, Bangalore-560056 **(c) Mr. C P Umesha, S/o Mr.Puttaswamy,** M/s. Gowri Heights Private Limited, No.41, 2nd Floor, Basaveshwara Layout, HBCS 2nd Stage, Attiguppe, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560040 **(d) Mr. C P Umesha S/o Mr.Puttaswamy,** Gowri Ideal Homes, Ideal Homes Hi-Tech Society Layout, Site No.492, Sy.No.40, Kyalasanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District **(3) (a) Mrs. B S Hemalatha,** W/o Mr.C P Umesha No.210, 4th Main, 10th Cross, NGEF Layout, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore-560072 **(b) Mrs. B S Hemalatha,** W/o Mr.C P Umesha, No.110, Annapoorneshwari Layout, Mallathalli, Ullal Main Road, 4th Cross, Bangalore-560056 **(c) Mrs. B S Hemalatha,** W/o Mr.C P Umesha M/s. Gowri Heights Private Limited, No.41, 2nd Floor, Basaveshwara Layout, HBCS 2nd Stage, Attiguppe, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560040 **(e) Mrs. B S Hemalatha,** W/o Mr.C P Umesha Gowri Ideal Homes, Ideal Homes Hi-Tech Society Layout, Site No.492, Sy.No.40, Kyalasanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, **Corporate Guarantor: (4) (a) M/s. Gowri Infraengineers Private Limited,** No.41, 2nd Floor, Basaveshwara Layout, HBCS 2nd Stage, Attiguppe, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560040 **(b) M/s. Gowri Infraengineers Private Limited,** No.85, 8th Cross, WIDIA Layout, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560040 **(5)(c) Mrs. Gayathri Timmaiah** Director, M/s. Gowri Heights Private Limited. No.41, 2nd Floor, Basaveshwara Layout, HBCS 2nd Stage, Attiguppe, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560040.

Loan account number	Total Outstanding	Further interest on total outstanding	
6360231165	Rs.4,36,59,139/-	21.80%	as on 31st May 2020
6360273309	Rs.2,10,76,075/-	18.00%	as on 31st May 2020

Date of Demand Notice : 29.06.2020

(Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created): Schedule: All that piece and parcel of the project financed – "Citrus Aire" formerly known as "Gowri Ideal Homes" being constructed on the property bearing Site No.492, carved out of Sy.No.70, in the layout known as "Ideal Homes Hi-Tech Residential Layout', formed in the Sy.Nos.59,62, 63,64,65,66,67, 68,69,70,49/1, 49/2 and 48 situated at Kyalasanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and land admeasuring 69276.53 Sq.ft. and building constructed/to be constructed thereon present and future, including 138 unsold units/flats (i.e. 118 units/flats share of the Borrower and 20 units/flats share of the Security Provider) as detailed in list herein below and land bounded on the: East by : Road, West by: Remaining Vacant Land of Society, North by : Road, South by : Road & Parking Area

Item No.1 : List of 110 unsold units/flats (Borrower's share) of the Project financed-**"Citrus Aire"** being mortgaged:

Sl No	Unit Type	Old Unit No	New Unit No.	Floor No.	Wing	Built Up Area (in sq. ft.,)	Undivided Share of Land (in sq. ft.)
1	UNIT-2	1012	1002	1	1	699.53	337.06
2	UNIT-3	1013	1003	1	1	720.10	349.24
3	UNIT-4	1014	1004	1	1	689.58	332.51
4	UNIT-5	1015	1005	1	1	699.53	337.06
5	UNIT-8	2012	1008	1	2	729.38	349.24
6	UNIT-9	2013	1009	1	2	729.38	350.99
7	UNIT-10	2014	1010	1	2	719.56	350.99
8	UNIT-13	2017	1013	1	2	729.38	352.59
9	UNIT-14	2018	1014	1	2	719.56	352.59
10	UNIT-15	3011	1015	1	3	719.56	353.67
11	UNIT-16	3012	1016	1	3	719.56	349.24
12	UNIT-18	3014	1018	1	3	729.38	350.99
13	UNIT-20	3016	1020	1	3	719.56	352.59
14	UNIT-1	1021	2001	2	1	733.14	355.55
15	UNIT-2	1022	2002	2	1	699.53	337.06
16	UNIT-3	1023	2003	2	1	720.10	349.24
17	UNIT-4	1024	2004	2	1	689.58	332.51
18	UNIT-5	1025	2005	2	1	699.53	337.06
19	UNIT-9	2023	2009	2	2	729.38	350.99
20	UNIT-10	2024	2010	2	2	719.56	350.99
21	UNIT-15	3021	2015	2	3	719.56	353.67
22	UNIT-16	3022	2016	2	3	719.56	349.24
23	UNIT-17	3023	2017	2	3	719.56	350.99
24	UNIT-18	3024	2018	2	3	729.38	350.99
25	UNIT-20	3026	2020	2	3	719.56	352.59
26	UNIT-21	3027	2021	2	3	719.56	352.59
27	UNIT-22	3028	2022	2	3	719.56	352.59
28	UNIT-1	1031	3001	3	1	733.14	355.55
29	UNIT-3	1033	3003	3	1	720.10	349.24
30	UNIT-4	1034	3004	3	1	689.58	332.51
31	UNIT-5	1035	3005	3	1	699.53	337.06
32	UNIT-8	2032	3008	3	2	729.38	349.24
33	UNIT-9	2033	3009	3	2	729.38	350.99
34	UNIT-16	3032	3016	3	3	719.56	349.24
35	UNIT-17	3033	3017	3	3	719.56	350.99
36	UNIT-18	3034	3018	3	3	729.38	350.99
37	UNIT-20	3036	3020	3	3	719.56	352.59
38	UNIT-21	3037	3021	3	3	719.56	352.59
39	UNIT-22	3038	3022	3	3	719.56	352.59
40	UNIT-2	1042	4002	4	1	699.53	337.06
41	UNIT-3	1043	4003	4	1	720.10	349.24
42	UNIT-4	1044	4004	4	1	689.58	332.51
43	UNIT-5	1045	4005	4	1	699.53	337.06
44	UNIT-9	2043	4009	4	2	729.38	350.99
45	UNIT-11	2045	4011	4	2	719.56	352.59
46	UNIT-17	3043	4017	4	3	719.56	350.99
47	UNIT-19	3045	4019	4	3	729.38	352.59
48	UNIT-21	3047	4021	4	3	719.56	352.59
49	UNIT-22	3048	4022	4	3	719.56	352.59
50	UNIT-3	1053	5003	5	1	720.10	349.24
51	UNIT-4	1054	5004	5	1	689.58	332.51
52	UNIT-5	1055	5005	5	1	699.53	337.06
53	UNIT-11	2055	5011	5	2	719.56	352.59
54	UNIT-15	3051	5015	5	3	719.56	353.67
55	UNIT-16	3052	5016	5	3	719.56	349.24
56	UNIT-17	3053	5017	5	3	719.56	350.99
57	UNIT-18	3054	5018	5	3	729.38	350.99
58	UNIT-19	3055	5019	5	3	729.38	352.59
59	UNIT-20	3056	5020	5	3	719.56	352.59
60	UNIT-21	3057	5021	5	3	719.56	352.59
61	UNIT-22	3058	5022	5	3	719.56	352.59
62	UNIT-2	1062	6002	6	1	699.53	337.06
63	UNIT-3	1063	6003	6	1	720.10	349.24
64	UNIT-4	1064	6004	6	1	689.58	332.51
65	UNIT-5	1065	6005	6	1	699.53	337.06
66	UNIT-9	2063	6009	6	2	729.38	350.99
67	UNIT-11	2065	6011	6	2	719.56	352.59
68	UNIT-15	3061	6015	6	3	719.56	353.67
69	UNIT-16	3062	6016	6	3	719.56	349.24
70	UNIT-17	3063	6017	6	3	719.56	350.99
71	UNIT-19	3065	6019	6	3	729.38	352.59
72	UNIT-21	3067	6021	6	3	719.56	352.59
73	UNIT-22	3068	6022	6	3	719.56	352.59
74	UNIT-3	1073	7003	7	1	720.10	349.24
75	UNIT-4	1074	7004	7	1	689.58	332.51
76	UNIT-5	1075	7005	7	1	699.53	337.06
77	UNIT-8	2072	7008	7	2	729.38	349.24
78	UNIT-9	2073	7009	7	2	729.38	350.99
79	UNIT-10	2074	7010	7	2	719.56	350.99
80	UNIT-13	2077	7013	7	2	729.38	352.59
81	UNIT-15	3071	7015	7	3	719.56	353.67
82	UNIT-17	3073	7017	7	3	719.56	350.99
83	UNIT-20	3076	7020	7	3	719.56	352.59
84	UNIT-21	3077	7021	7	3	719.56	352.59
85	UNIT-2	1082	8002	8	1	699.53	337.06
86	UNIT-3	1083	8003	8	1	720.10	349.24
87	UNIT-4	1084	8004	8	1	689.58	332.51
88	UNIT-5	1085	8005	8	1	699.53	337.06
89	UNIT-8	2082	8008	8	2	729.38	349.24
90	UNIT-9	2083	8009	8	2	729.38	350.99
91	UNIT-10	2084	8010	8	2	719.56	350.99
92	UNIT-11	2085	8011	8	2	719.56	352.59
93	UNIT-13	2087	8013	8	2	729.38	352.59
94	UNIT-15	3081	8015	8	3	719.56	353.67
95	UNIT-16	3082	8016	8	3	719.56	349.24
96	UNIT-17	3083	8017	8	3	719.56	350.99
97	UNIT-18	3084	8018	8	3	729.38	350.99
98	UNIT-19	3085	8019	8	3	729.38	352.59
99	UNIT-20	3086	8020	8	3	719.56	352.59
100	UNIT-21	3087	8021	8	3	719.56	352.59
101	UNIT-2	1092	9002	9	1	699.53	337.06
102	UNIT-3	1093	9003	9	1	720.10	349.24
103	UNIT-7	2091	9007	9	2	719.56	353.67
104	UNIT-8	2092	9008	9	2	729.38	349.24
105	UNIT-9	2093	9009	9	2	729.38	350.99
106	UNIT-10	2094	9010	9	2	719.56	350.99
107	UNIT-13	2097	9013	9	2	729.38	352.59
108	UNIT-17	3093	9017	9	3	719.56	350.99
109	UNIT-19	3095	9019	9	3	729.38	352.59
110	UNIT-20	3096	9020	9	3	719.56	352.59

Item No.2 : List of 19 unsold units/flats (Security Provider/Confirming Party's share) of the Project financed - **"Citrus Aire"** being mortgaged:

Sl No	Unit Type	Old Unit No	New Unit No.	Floor No.	Wing	Built Up Area (in sq. ft.,)	Undivided Share of Land (in sq. ft.)
1	UNIT-11	2015	1011	1	2	719.56	352.59
2	UNIT-21	3017	1021	1	3	719.56	352.59
3	UNIT-11	2025	2011	2	2	719.56	352.59
4	UNIT-2	1032	3002	3	1	699.53	337.06
5	UNIT-19	3035	3019	3	3	729.38	352.59
6	UNIT-8	2022	2008	2	2	729.38	349.24
7	UNIT-4	1094	9004	9	1	689.58	332.51
8	UNIT-5	1095	9005	9	1	699.53	337.06
9	UNIT-15	3091	9015	9	3	719.56	353.67
10	UNIT-20	3066	6020	6	3	719.56	352.59
11	UNIT-16	3072	7016	7	3	719.56	349.24
12	UNIT-16	3092	9016	9	3	719.56	349.24
13	UNIT-21	3097	9021	9	3	719.56	352.59
14	UNIT-8	2062	6008	6	2	729.38	349.24
15	UNIT-19	3015	1019	1	3	729.38	352.59
16	UNIT-11	2095	9011	9	2	719.56	352.59
17	UNIT-8	2052	5008	5	2	729.38	349.24
18	UNIT-17	3013	1017	1	3	719.56	350.99
19	UNIT-22	3088	8022	8	3	719.56	352.59

Item No.3 : Exclusive charge on the Project Receivables (of both sold and unsold) of the project **"Citrus Aire"** formerly known as **"Gowri Ideal Homes".**

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TRACKING COVID-19

The government has made it mandatory for hospitals under KPME to display a board with bed allocation at the reception by July 17. The information must include beds allocated for Covid patients referred by BBMP.

1,076 NEW RECOVERIES

18,466 TOTAL RECOVERED

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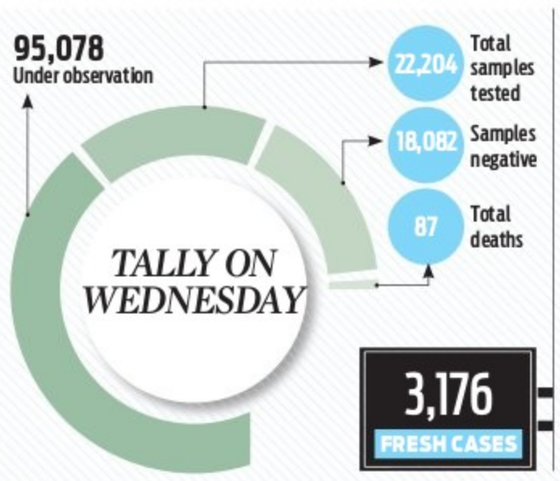

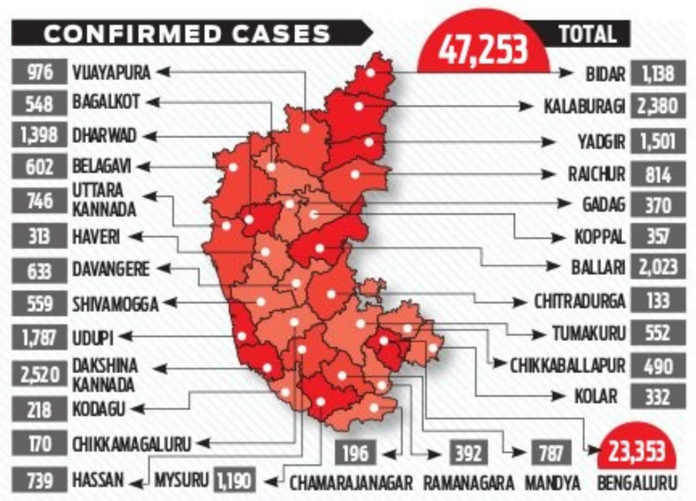

Awake Proning working, 500 of 800 recover

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

JUST two weeks ago, the government introduced 'awake proning' for non-intubated Covid patients, and of the 800 patients treated with the method since, nearly 500 have recovered within a week, while 300 have not benefited.

On Wednesday, a 45-year-old male doctor from one of the districts in Kalyana-Karnataka region was discharged after he successfully recovered with the help of awake proning. "His condition was bad in initial stages, as he required 4-5 litres of oxygen every day. But with active awake proning, in a span of seven days, he showed good results and was off oxygen. Active proning was done along with other standard therapies," said Dr Anoop Amarnath, Head, Scientific Board and Chairman-Geriatric Medicine, Manipal Hospital, and a member of the Critical Care Support Team.

In awake proning, patients are made to lie on their stomach, which increases oxygenation to the lungs and allows perfusion into oxygenated lung segments. The patient should be kept prone for 16-18 hours a day.

Dr Amarnath said awake proning did not help 300 patients as they had already progressed to a critical stage. "But it helped those in early stages. We have seen a 60% success. Also, we didn't see any side-effects after the treatment," he added.

Asked how the 800 patients were chosen, he said, "We picked recently admitted patients with moderate symptoms of SARI and ILI. However awake proning is not suitable for pregnant women and those suffering from cervical spondylosis."

Several passengers arrive at KSR railway station ahead of the lockdown imposed on Tuesday night, before boarding trains on Wednesday | MEGHANA SASTRY

HOW MANY RETURNED? GOVT DOESN'T HAVE A CLUE

Registering on Seva Sindhu not must; Many bypassed toll booths

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WHILE the State Government claims that many migrants and citizens have returned to Karnataka, officials handling the Seva Sindhu portal say that they have no records of the actual number of people who have come back.

Tracking those who had not registered on the portal/app has become the biggest challenge for the government, as officials are of the view that most of those who returned are asymptomatic carriers of the coronavirus. The government is now looking at ways to rectify the anomaly when the lockdown is lifted again.

Data from the Seva Sindhu portal shared with *TNIE* shows that 4,61,389 people have come to the state while 9,96,332 have left, as on July 10. But the actual number is much higher, the officials admit.

"Registering on the portal does not mean that it is the actual count of people who have come or left. There are many who have come by road bypassing the toll booths, and hence their details are not available. Also, the government only issued an advisory that people should register on the portal before entering or leaving. It is not mandated and cannot be also. There are instances where a person may have registered on the portal, but has not taken a bus or train for various reasons," said a senior government official in charge of the portal.

"Uploading data on the portal was needed so that people could be tracked and their data would be available any time. But nothing can be done if a person does not register. It was not just a requirement for labourers, but for everyone coming into state. But those coming by flights or trains had not registered and were permitted entry. So there is no record of the number of people who actually came in and their condition. Now we want to try a systme where all those coming have an ID number. Discussions are still going on to assess the feasibility of the proposal," the officer explained.

Labour Department Commissioner Akram Pasha too seemed to be in agreement when he said that since most labourers do not have smart phones, they would not have registered but would have still boarded trains. So there is no actual count or data of how many have left and how many have returned.

58 pvt hosps shut; 50% parameds, 30% docs quit: PHANA

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IN all, 58 small-sized private hospitals shut temporarily or permanently in Bengaluru after Covid-19 struck the city, revealed members of the Private Hospitals and Nursing Association (PHANA), on Wednesday.

PHANA president Dr R Ravindra said that many hospitals run by single doctors had to shut because of the pandemic-triggered financial crisis. "Private hospitals have to follow 19 norms specified by the government and it is difficult to adhere to all of them. We have requested the government to reduce the number of norms," he added.

Also, around 50% of nurses and paramedical staff, and 30% of doctors have quit their jobs, worried about the high risk involved in treating Covid patients. "Human resource is a big problem for both big and small private hospitals. If we get the required staff, we can function. But doctors are not willing to work, though we offer them insurance and incentives. Even the offer to double the salaries has not convinced them. We have asked the government to provide us with manpower, and they can send us postgraduate and final year students, whom we can train," said Dr Prasanna HM, President-Elect, PHANA.

Right now, 384 PHANA member hospitals, which are 50-100 bed facilities, have 4,500 beds, and the order to reserve 50 per cent of beds for Covid patients is posing a big challenge. "We have brought it to the government's notice," Dr Prasanna said.

On patients being denied treatment at private hospitals, the members said, "Initially, we were not geared up to take Covid patients, but now we are. Suspected patients turn up at our hospitals and there are no isolation facilities. We are now sorting this out," Dr Ravindra said.

While Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar claimed that private hospitals have 15,500 beds, PHANA said they had only 10,500. Some of the hospitals are also ophthalmology, kidney care and cancer centres, which cannot admit Covid patients. Right now, only 8,500 beds can be considered, they said.

Dr Sudhakar said, "The government has offered good price slabs to private hospitals. We have taken only 50% of beds, unlike in Mumbai, where private hospitals had to dedicate 80% of beds for Covid patients."

Doctors in PPEs outside a private hospital in Belagavi district | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Rs 5,000 incentive to plasma donors, announces Sudhakar

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TO encourage Covid-recovered patients to donate plasma and save lives, Rs 5,000 will be given to each donor as a mark of appreciation, said Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Wednesday.

"In all, 8,154 booth-level committees will be set up in a day or two to conduct a house-to-house survey to identify and refer ILI and SARI cases to hospitals, certify people for home isolation and encourage reverse isolation for those above 60. The survey teams will track primary and secondary contacts of the infected persons, carry pulse oximeters and thermal scanners. Each team will cater to at least 400 homes and 1,500 population," he said.

An ambulance will be stationed at each ward and zonal officers have to supervise all these tasks on a daily basis and take care of labs and testing procedures. RDPR Secretary L K Atheeq will hold meetings on providing training to task force members. No samples should be kept pending for more than a week and senior officer Shalini Rajaneesh will take care of that aspect. Infected persons from slums and other places where there are no facilities for home isolation should be quarantined in Covid Care Centres, Dr Sudhakar said, adding Dharavi model should be followed.

"Labs must enhance their testing numbers to a minimum of 1,000 samples per day in the next 10-15 days. The state has crossed the 9 lakh tests milestone, and the capacity will be enhanced to 50,000 tests per day," he said.

He held a meeting with 25 private medical colleges that are yet to set up labs and told them to do so after arranging equipment within a week. In the next 15 days, 58 medical colleges will test 25,000 to 30,000 samples every day. Private hospitals and labs together can test another 10,000 samples per day.

A man fixes masks onto statues at KSR Railway Station in Bengaluru, to build awareness on coronavirus, on Wednesday morning | MEGHANA SASTRY

STATUS OF BED AVAILABILITY
8,658 Total beds | 2,574 Occupied | 6,084 Available

3,176 test positive

For the first time, the state crossed the 3,000-mark in new positive cases in a single day, recording 3,176 cases on Wednesday, taking the tally to 47,253. The state also recorded the highest number of Covid deaths for a single day at 87 and the toll stood at 928.

Bengaluru Urban was the biggest contributor with 1,975 cases and it also registered 60 deaths.

The state also crossed 9 lakh in total samples tested at 9,02,026 and on Wednesday, 22,204 swabs were tested.

Dharwad registered 139 cases, Ballari 136, Mysuru 99, Vijaypura 80, Dakshin Kannada 76, Kalaburgi 67, Udupi 52, Yadgir 49, Uttara Kannada 48, Belgavi 41, Gadag 39, Bidar and Davanagere 35 each, Bagalkot 34, Chikkaballapur 32, Mandya 31, Shivamogga 29, Raichur 26, Hassan 25, Tumakuru 24, Kodagu 23, Kolar 15, Koppal 14, Chikkamagaluru 13, Chitradurga 12, Bengaluru Rural 10, Chamarajanagar 8, Haveri 6 and Ramanagara 3.

COVID WATCH

17 Sanjay Gandhi hospital staffers +ve, OPD shut

Bengaluru: The OPD of Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma and Orthopaedics has been shut after 17 staffers tested Covid-positive. This despite the hospital not treating Covid patients. Dr H S Chandrashekar, director, said, "Five doctors and 12 paramedic staff tested positive on Tuesday. Our emergency services are still open. While the doctors have been isolated at home, the paramedic staffers have been isolated in a separate wing in the hospital itself." He added that he is not aware how they got infected as they have been given PPEs and N95 masks. The staffers undergo thermal screening and are given prophylaxis.
— Ranjani Madhavan

16 MTR Foods employees test positive

Bengaluru: A branch of MTR Foods in Bengaluru has been sealed for the last one week after 16 employees tested positive. DHO Gulur Srinivas said, "The Bommasandra unit of MTR Foods was sealed after an employee was found positive a week ago. One employee of the unit manufacturing ready-to-eat mixes, food and spices tested positive, after which the factory was closed. The employee's 50 contacts were tested, of whom 16 were positive."

To tackle surge, 2 more CCCs to be set up in B'luru; nurses in high demand

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

AT a high-level meeting of Covid-19 in-charge officials on Wednesday, it was decided that two more Covid Care Centres will be added in Bengaluru - apart from the existing eight- which will have a capacity of at least 600 beds as reserve in case of emergencies.

The two new centres are the third hostel facility at the GKVK campus and the Bengaluru University campus. The other centres are Haj Bhavan, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ashram, two hostels of GKVK, two hostels at the College of Horticulture, Koramangala Indoor Stadium and the Government Ayurvedica Medical College at Majestic.

The eight CCCs in the city have a 2,800 bed capacity, where 2,000 patients can be housed. Currently, 400 patients are admitted and 250 have been discharged.

It was also decided that nurses will be roped in from other states to work at the CCCs and hospitals, as there is a severe shortage here.

> The chief secretary was also apprised that many newly-recruited young doctors were refusing to work in Covid-19 hospitals and CCCs.
> –Govt official

A senior government official told The New Indian Express, "There is a rising demand for nurses at hospitals and CCCs. The BBMP was also directed to hire doctors at the earliest. During the meeting, the chief secretary was also apprised that many newly-recruited young doctors were refusing to work in Covid-19 hospitals and CCCs. Officers demanded suspension of erring doctors."

This was the first meeting of all in-charge IAS and KAS officers on Covid duty in the state and city with the chief secretary. The state government has directed to hold such meetings every morning to take stock of the situation.

CAUTIONING ELDERLY, KIDS

Stay in, or spend a day in institutional quarantine

If anyone is found roaming outside without genuine reasons, they will be placed in institutional quarantine
– District Health Officer

MAHESH M GOUDAR @Vijayapura

EVEN as awareness is being created to ensure people stay indoors, especially those aged above 60 years, the senior citizens seem to be flouting norms. To rein them in, the district administration has decided to put violators in institutional quarantine for a day.

It is also a first-of-its-kind in the state where people stepping out without valid reason will be put under quarantine.

Ever since the Covid outbreak in the district, the local administrative bodies including Vijayapura City Corporation are instructing people not to step out, except for medical emergencies and other genuine reasons. But the senior citizens, according to officials, have not been falling in line.

According to the District Health Office (DHO), "The district is witnessing fresh cases at a daily average of 25 since a couple of weeks. Among the fresh cases, a majority of them are from city corporation limits and 90 per cent of the infected are aged above 55 years. Elderly people with co-morbidities like SARI, heart ailments and hypertension are catching the virus."

Following this, the district administration in association with the corporation and the DHO is cautioning that "If anyone is found roaming outside without genuine reasons, they will be placed in institutional quarantine."

Speaking to TNIE, Deputy Commissioner Y S Patil said, "The intention is not to punish them, but to create awareness. A special team of the city corporation will implement the plan in the city limits at the earliest. First-time violators will be let off with a warning, but if they repeat it for the second time they will be sent to institutional quarantine. The aim is to ensure that the elders and children are safe and have very less chances of contracting the virus."

Corporation Commissioner Harsha Shetty said, "We have already formed special teams to address this issue. Within a week this rule will be implemented in corporation limits."

Tamil Nadu recorded 4,496 new Covid-19 cases and 68 deaths, including that of a 19 year old girl from Kancheepuram, taking the tally to 1,51,820 and toll 2,167 on Wednesday

Gold smuggling case: Noose tightens around Sivasankar

His phone seized, reports awaited; NIA raids company where Swapna worked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ T'Puram

HOURS after he underwent marathon questioning by the Customs officials for almost nine hours, noose is tightening around CM's former secretary M Sivasankar. Putting him in further trouble Arun Balachandran, former IT Fellow of the Chief Minister, revealed that the apartment that was used by smuggling case accused Swapna Suresh and two others, was taken on rent with the assistance of Sivasankar.

On Wednesday, the Customs once again raided Sivasankar's flat for a second time. During the previous raid on Tuesday night, they had seized Sivasankar's mobile phone which is yet to be sent for forensic data retrieval. In another development, the NIA on Wednesday raided Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited (KSITIL), where Sivasankar was the chairman. Swapna Suresh had worked before being shunted out after her role in smuggling case came to light.

Meanwhile, Chief Secretary Vishwas Mehta is expected to submit a report on M Sivasankar, who is under the scanner for his alleged links with the accused in the gold smuggling case, without delay.

The revelations made by Arun Balachandran directly points to Sivasankar's role in the issue. According to Arun, the apartment near Secretariat was taken on rent for Jayashankar, husband of Swapna Suresh. The Customs had earlier got information that an official named Arun was the one who arranged the apartment. The caretaker of the apartment had claimed that Arun identified himself as an official of the CMO and placed a query for taking an apartment on rent.

Arun said he was the one who contacted the caretaker. Arun, who is now working as Director Marketing and Operations in the High Power Advisory Committee of Kerala Government, said Sivasankar had asked him to check the availability of the apartment saying it was for his friend and family.

> **The government had no reservations in taking tough action against the guilty. Chief Secretary being the topmost officer is the ideal person to probe and the government views the investigation seriously**
>
> Pinarayi Vijayan, Kerala CM

MISERY CONTINUES

Patients stuck inside a waterlogged ward at Osmania General Hospital, a designated Covid hospital, after its drainage system failed on Wednesday | VINAY MADAPU

Naga Sai tops Davanagere's Siddaganga College

Naga Sai

Uday H Dhumminal

DAVANAGERE: V Naga Sai of Siddaganga PU College secured first place in the II PU results in the Science stream. Naga Sai secured 96 in Kannada, 94 in English, 99 in Physics, 99 in Chemistry, 100 each in Mathematics and Biology. With this he secured 98 per cent in total and topped the college.

Out of 746 students, 2 in Physics, 4 in Chemistry, 81 in Mathematics, 7 in Biology and 9 in Computer Science got full marks. Uday H Dhummimal got 100 each in PCMB, and is the only student in the district to attain the feat. Principal Gayatri Chimmad said 33 students got 95% or more, 165 got more than 90% while 308 got distinction. This is a rare feat in the history of Siddaganga Institutions.

111 from Vishwachethana PU College gets distinction

DAVANAGERE: In all, 111 students of Vishwachethana Vidyaniketana Residential PU College secured distinction in the PU examination results announced on Tuesday. College secretary Vijayalakshmi attributed it to better coaching and hard work of the students. She added that 162 students secured first class and a majority of students secured full marks in various subjects. Bhoomika Achar V M got 588 out of 600, followed by Pooja SM with 586 and Nayana D R with 583 marks in second and third positions, respectively. She congratulated the students and lecturers for the college securing this feat.

Neha Raikar tops Science Academy PU college

DAVANAGERE: Neha Manjunath Raikar of Science Academy PU College bagged 96.33% and secured first position in the PU II Science stream. The results were announced on Tuesday. Neha got 578 out of 600 marks, followed by A S Megha and Swathi J Acharya with 570 marks (95%). T Keerthana got 568 marks and secured third position in the college. The college administration and lecturers congratulated the students.

31 get 'Best Teacher' award in Karnataka

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As many as 31 teachers from the state have been chosen for the 'Best Teacher' award for the academic year 2019-20.

They are Asha Hegade from Kalaburagi, Naganna from Mysuru, Savitramma and Rajashekar BR from Bengaluru North, Shamsiya from Sirsi, Padma D from Dakshina Kannada, omalingappa MT and Danamma Jhalaki from Belagavi, Lingaraju from Mandya, Umadevi LN from Bengaluru South, Ratnakumari S from Shivamogga, Nirmala Ramachandra and Hanumappa G Huddara from Bagalakote, B Usha from Davanagere, Mallikarjuna Shivalingappa from Vijayapura, Geetha KH from Chikkamagaluru, Narayana from Chamarajanagar, Umesh from Udupi.

Malleshappa Addedara and Kavitha Diggavi from Koppal, Jayasingh Ambulal Thakur from Bidar, K Ramesh from Kolar, Bheemaiah from Yadagir, Rajanagowda Pattara and Sharanappa Karishetty from Raichur, Krishnamurthy N from Haveri, Narayanaswami R from Bengaluru Rural, Renukaiah HR from Tumakuru and Channegowda from Ramanagara.

The government, via the teachers' welfare fund and students' welfare fund, has sanctioned ₹50,000 each to the 31 schools where these teachers are employed.

Late reporting a major reason for fatality spurt

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Dr C N Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, who is also a member of Covid-19 lab testing team, said, "The CT levels indicate if the viral load is high, mild or moderate. But the intensity of symptoms, based on viral load, varies from person to person. Symptomatic patients with high viral load need to be more carefully supervised. However, some people with higher viral load can also be asymptomatic. There is no correlation with high viral load and intensity of symptoms. The CT level is one of the indicators."

Dr Trilok Chandra stressed, "CT triaging will help quicker and more precise treatment." He and his team are closely monitoring the treatment of high-risk cases. Of the 14,128 patients in the high-risk category, 4,145 have been discharged (as of Tuesday). Senior citizens, children aged below 10 years and those with comorbidities, who have tested positive for Covid-19 are categorised as high-risk cases who require more urgent attention from specialists.

The officer also expressed concern over late reporting, which is one of the main reasons for deaths among Covid-19 patients. Of the 87 deaths reported on Wednesday, most of them died just two-three days after being admitted to hospitals. The top priority is to get Covid patients to hospitals as early as possible and door-to-door survey is being conducted to identity people with Influenza-Like Illness, Severe Acute Respiratory Illness, and people with untreated comorbidities.

Dr Manjunath said that the number of tests being conducted every day have been increased to around 22,000.

K'taka to get 56k farm ponds in over 3 months

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

The State government has drawn up plans to construct over 56,000 ponds across Karnataka -- the highest in a year -- under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, which would provide irrigation and help replenish ground water while providing employment to those who seek it.

In 2013, the then Siddaramaiah government introduced the Krishi Bhagya scheme under the Department of Agriculture and included the construction of 'krishi honda' (farm pond to harvest rainwater) in its ambit. Between 2013 and March 2020, around 1.18 lakh such ponds have been built across the State. In 2019-20, the construction of these ponds has been done under the MGNREGA, through which 16,303 structures were built.

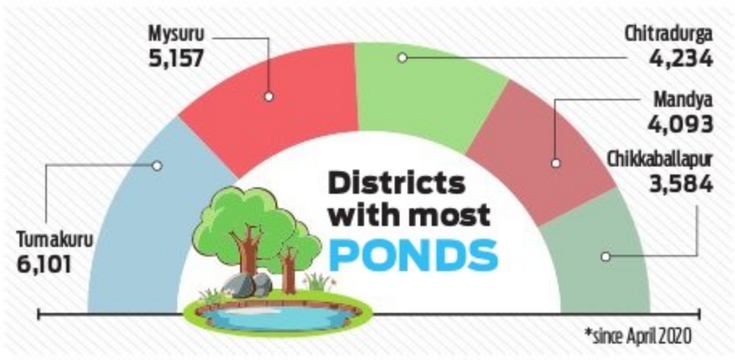
Principal Secretary for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj L K Ateeq told The New Indian Express, "The number of people enrolling under the MGNREGA has increased after the lockdown was announced."

Official figures on July 14, show that for the current fiscal year, the State government has sanctioned 56,632 ponds, over half of which have been finished and the rest are in various stages of completion.

"We cannot take up bigger construction works as they require more people and maintaining physical distance matters. So, we are building ponds that require 4-20 people. The fewer the people, the longer it takes to build. This year is a record. We are building over 56,000 ponds," Ateeq said.

The rain water harvesting ponds are 10x10 metres or 9x9 metres and three metres deep. They are being built as kalyanis -- step tanks – and can store water for up to three months.

"After the monsoon, this water can be used to water crops. Farmers can also sow short-duration crops such as coriander, horse gram, green gram, or vegetable which can be harvested in about 60 days," said Rajegowda, former registrar of the University of Agricultural Sciences, and an agriculture expert. "If they are effectively constructed and used, they can recharge groundwater too."



98% CBSE students pass in Karnataka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Wednesday declared the Class 10 exam results on its official website. Bengaluru region, covering the entire state, has taken third place in terms of pass percentage out of 16 regions, with 98.23 per cent. Last year, Karnataka was part of the Chennai region, with a pass percentage of 99.

For the first time, Bengaluru region was established this year along with three new regions – Pune, Bhopal and Noida.

"This year, some of the exams were postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. And the results were taken on pro rata basis. Hence, it does not seem fair to maintain a toppers' list," a source said. CBSE results are announced in May, but were delayed due to the lockdown.

A total of 91.46% of students passed the exam in the country, as compared to 91.10% last year. The highest pass percentage in CBSE Class 10 board results is 99.28, recorded by Trivandrum, followed by Chennai with 98.95%. Pune is at fourth position with 98.05% of students passing the exam, and Ajmer is in fifth slot with a pass percentage of 96.93.

This year, girls have outdone boys by 3.17%, with 93.31 pass percentage. Interestingly, transgenders have taken a massive fall with only 78.95%, compared to 94.74% last year.

"This is a maiden examination for Bengaluru region, as the new region has been established by CBSE for schools located in Karnataka. There are 871 schools in the state for Secondary level from which around 56,226 candidates appeared. Bengaluru region achieved 3rd position in pass percentage in Class X," CBSE regional officer Vikas Arora said.

EXPRESS READ

Committee formed to carve out new AP dists

Vijayawada: Setting the tone for carving out new districts from the existing 13, the Cabinet on Wednesday constituted a committee to study its modalities. Carving out a Parliamentary segment as a district was the pre-poll promise of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, the government set the ball rolling. The State has 25 constituencies and it has to be seen whether the total districts, post-bifurcation, will be remain the same.

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NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29(1) read with 47(1) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, July 28, 2020** at Chennai to consider inter-alia the unaudited financial results (standalone and consolidated) of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2020. This Notice is also available in the Website of the Company **www.orientalhotels.co.in** and also in the websites of the Stock Exchanges NSE and BSE.

For **ORIENTAL HOTELS LIMITED**

Tom Antony
Company Secretary

Place : Chennai
Date : 14.07.2020

KALOJI NARAYANA RAO UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES TELANGANA

NOTIFICATION FOR PG MEDICAL/ DENTAL(MDS) ADMISSIONS 2020-21

Application forms online are invited from candidates qualified in NEET- PG MD/MS & NEET- MDS- 2020 after lowering of the cut-off score for admission into PG Medical / Dental Courses 2020-21 for Management quota seats in colleges affiliated to KNR UHS, Warangal from 16-07-2020 to 18-07-2020.

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Buildings (C&M) circle, Madurai - 625 002.

Notice Inviting Tenders Pre Qualification Tender (Two cover system)

Tender Notice No : 7 SE/Buildings (C&M) Circle, Madurai / 2020-2021 / Date : 14.07.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu sealed Tenders are invited from the contractors registered in Public Works Department in the appropriate class to the office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C&M) circle, Madurai.

Tender Schedule Available Date	:	Sl.No.1 & 2 - 16.07.2020 to 19.08.2020 Upto 5.45 PM.
Tender Schedule Receiving Date	:	Sl.No.1 & 2 - 20.08.2020 Upto 3.00 PM.
Tender Opening at	:	Sl.No.1 & 2 - 20.08.2020 at 3.30 PM.
Total No. of Works	:	2 (Two)
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Total Approximate Value of Works	:	Rs.535.85 Lakhs.

For further details and tender documents visit the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.tntenders.gov.in

Superintending Engineer, (i/c) PWD., Buildings (C&M) circle, Madurai.

DIPR/ 2659 /TENDER/2020

Government of Odisha
"e" Procurement Notice
WORKS DEPARTMENT

Bid Identification No. S.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 02 / 2020-21
e-mail : sekcpwd_keonjhar@yahoo.com
Letter No.1755 dt. 8.07.2020

B-152

1. Name of the work	:-	04 Nos Building Works
2. Estimated cost	:-	Rs. 112.19 Lakhs to Rs. 451.84 Lakhs
3. Period of completion	:-	09 (Nine) Calendar Months to 11 (Eleven) Calendar Months
4. Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal	:-	From 11.00 Hours of 21.07.2020 to 16.00 Hours of 04.08.2020
5. Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal	:-	16.00 Hours of 04.08.2020
6. Date of opening of Bid from Portal	:-	12.00 Hours on 05.08.2020
7. Name and address of the officer inviting Bid	:-	Superintending Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758001

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://tendersodisha.gov.in"

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar

OIPR-34033/11/0002/2021

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ELECTRICAL CIRCLE (R&B)

NIRMAN SOUDHA BHUBANESWAR
E-mail seec.bbsr2010 @ gmail.com
Bid Identification No.S.E.E.C (R&B) 6/2020-21.
No. 1254/Date 06.07.2020/

B-148: The Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids VRF Air Conditioning system and Lift works to be received in online bidding, double cover system as detailed in: https://tendersorissa.gov.in. The details of bid documents will be available in the above website from **5.00 P.M. of 15.07.2020 to 5:00 P.M. of 30.07.2020**. The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened at **11:30 A.M. of 31.07.2020** in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar. Further details can be seen from the eprocurement portal **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**.

Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the Website.

Sd/- (Er. Gauranga Charan Sahu)
Superintending Engineer
Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, BBSR

OIPR-34006/11/0008/2021

Town Municipal Council Kundapura

Udupi (Dist) Telephone No-08254-230410

No: DMA/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT104083 Date: 15.07.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Chief officer Town Municipal Council, kundapura invites 2020-21 SFC Drinking water tender through E-procurement under one cover system from eligible tenders, incompliance with KW- I tender document for Providing and laying of PN-08 90MM dia HDPE pipe line at Kundapura T.M.C Limits, Tender documents may be downloaded from government of Karnataka e-procurement website **https://eproc.Karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam**.Tenders must be electronically submitted (online through internet) along with EMD in e-procurement portal. Tenders will be opened on the date and time notified in e-procurement portal. For further details visit our website **www.kundapurtown.mrc.gov.in**

DIPR/UDUPI/MCA/196/20-21 dt. 15.7.20 Sd/- Chief Officer, TMC, Kundapur

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

Office of the Superintending Engineer (El)

O & M Circle, Near MGM Ground, Kunjibettu, Udupi - 576 102

Ph: 0820-2525040/2535040, Email: seeudupi16@gmail.com

No. SEE(E)/UDP/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-78/2020-21/1979 Date: 10.07.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

MESCOM invites Short Term Tenders under Total Turnkey Basis for the work of System strengthening of electrical network of the villages identified under Model Electric Village Scheme in the jurisdiction of Udupi Division, MESCOM vide respective bid enquiries cited in the table below:-

Sl. No.	Village Name	Bid Enquiry No.	Reservation Category
1.	Amasebailu	MESCOM/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT 1492	SC
2.	Madamakki	MESCOM/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT 1493	Others
3.	Shedimane	MESCOM/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT 1494	Others
4.	Amparu	MESCOM/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT 1495	Others
5.	Siddapura	MESCOM/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT 1496	Others
6.	Nada	MESCOM/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT 1497	ST
7.	Kalthodu	MESCOM/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT 1498	Others
8.	Jadkal	MESCOM/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT 1499	Others
9.	Kirimanjeshwara	MESCOM/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT 1500	Others
10.	Molahalli	MESCOM/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT 1501	SC

The bids shall be received through Electronic (E-tendering) mode only. The detailed tender notification information can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **16.07.2020**. Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Superintending Engineer (Ele.)
O&M Circle, MESCOM Udupi

For Power Related Complaint & Assistance Cell Toll Free Number 1912

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Department, Project Division,
Near Shamily, Mandavi towers , 1st Floor , Ambalapady,
Udupi - 576103. Land line /Fax: 0820-2532704 E-mail. kn-udu@pmgsy.nic.in

No:EE/PD/U/KS 26-68 /Tender Notification/2020-21/225 Date: 15.07.2020

Short Term Tender Notification

On behalf of Government of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Project Division, Udupi invites short term tender for the work mentioned below as per standard tender document in two cover system. The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in I.T.I. caluse-3 of standard tender document to qualify for award of the contractor. Tender document may downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka viz .www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Name of Work: Package-KS 26-68 Improvements to road from Konihara Main Road to Bedradi Road and Konihara Mahaganapathi Temple Road in Kundapura Constituency of Udupi District Amount put to tender: **Rs. 1,75,35,359.72, EMD Rs. 3,51,000.00, Period of Completion: 11 Months**(Including Rainy Season).

Calendar of events: (1) Date from which tender documents downloaded from e-portal: 15.07.2020. (2) Date of pre bid meeting & Place: **20.07.2020, 11:30 hours, Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division, Udupi. (3)** Last date for clarification: **21.07.2020. (4)** Last date for receiving bids: **23.07.2020, upto 16.30 Hours. (5)** Time & date of open tender bids: **24.07.2020, upto 16.35 Hours. (6)** Place of opening tender bids: **Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division, Near Shamili Hall, Mandavi Tower, First Floor, Udupi.**

Information: (1) The Class-1 contractors who have registered in PWD/ CPWD and enrolled in Panchayat Raj Engineering Department (Government of Karnataka) are eligible in participation of tendering Award of contract depends on technical capacity, work carrying capacity and financial resourcefulness of the bidders. **(2)** The Contractors who are terminated from KRRDA for non completion of works and who have been terminated for not maintaining PMGSY/NGNRY roads are not eligible for participating in the tendering. **(3)** For any further information, the concerned Executive Engineer, Project Division may be contacted. **(4)** Details can be obtained from the **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.

DIPR/UDP/MCA/197/20-21 dt. 15.7.20 Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, Udupi

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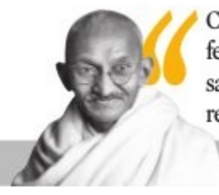

"Courage, endurance and above all, fearlessness and spirit of willing sacrifices are the qualities that are required in India ... for leadership

Mahatma Gandhi

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— Ramnath Goenka

U.S. UNIVERSITIES WIN KEY BATTLE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

In a welcome move, the Trump administration has withdrawn its edict to evict foreign students from the US unless they are enrolled in courses that are conducted in person. The widely criticised move on July 6 by the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) required that students on F-1 and M-1 visas whose education had moved entirely to online coaching for the fall semester go back to their countries. The ICE notification followed several universities including Harvard, Princeton, Rutgers and others announcing mostly online courses fearing the continuing spread of Covid-19. American universities host nearly a million foreign students, with Indian-origin students making up at least one-fifth of the enrolments.

It's the legal intervention of the universities that has forced the Trump administration to withdraw its mischievous 'guidance'. They must be commended for their bold move to protect the careers of thousands of international students who faced mid-term deportation. One university head rightly described the new ICE rule as "weakening American higher education—one of our nation's signature strengths". Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), later joined by others, sued the US government over the rule. Soon after the cases were filed last week, a Boston federal court disclosed to the litigants on Tuesday that the Trump administration had dropped the controversial rule.

Trump's diktat is part of the ill-conceived policy of forcing open US cities and communities too early, too fast. It has triggered a second wave of coronavirus as people let down their guard. By moving against international students, a soft target, Trump's game was to indirectly push universities to open face-to-face classes. At a broader level, the measure was aimed at buttressing the administration's avowed anti-immigration policy. American education has attracted millions of students for its liberal ideology and the rigorous regime it offers. On the flip side, the flow of talent into the US has benefited the local economy. Indian émigré students must be indeed overjoyed that their studies will be uninterrupted, at least for now.

DON'T VIEW DISABILITY THROUGH CHARITY LENS

In June, the Centre embarked on a process to 'decriminalise minor offences for improving business sentiment and unclogging court processes'. As part of this, the government proposed an amendment to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act of 2016, removing the penal provisions under three sections: Section 89 (Punishment for contravention of provisions of Act or rules), Section 92A (Punishment for offences of atrocities) and Section 93 (Punishment for failure to furnish information). Of these three provisions, only Section 92A allows for a jail term, the other two only providing for fines. Significantly, the government did not propose any change to Section 91 (Punishment for fraudulently availing any benefit meant for persons with benchmark disabilities). Disability rights activists rightly protested the proposal, which was withdrawn just a week after being floated.

While the government's willingness to heed criticism is appreciated, questions arise as to why this law was studied from an 'ease of doing business' perspective. The RPDA replaced a 1995 Act that was widely seen as toothless. It was passed to bring India's laws in compliance with the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and while it still falls short of disabled persons' aspirations, it provides a rights-based framework in a world that persists in viewing disability through a lens of charity. Three years since the legislation was passed, several states are yet to pass the rules necessary to bring it to life. Few—if any—cases have been brought under Section 92A, despite several documented instances. In this context, the very notion of such an amendment smacks of a mentality that still views the systemic discrimination against which persons with disabilities struggle as "minor offences" that obstruct the functioning of businesses. Economic progress cannot and should not come at the cost of individual rights. Penal provisions are the teeth required to ensure the rights provided by the Act are available to all persons with disabilities. The proposed amendment suggests that the government has yet to view disability from the rights-based perspective of its own legislation.

Economic recovery and ease of doing business should not sound the death knell for the necessary checks and balances in the system

BEWARE OF CORRUPTION IN POST-COVID TIMES

K JAYAKUMAR

Ex-Kerala Chief Secretary, ex-VC, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam Varsity

AMIT BANDRE

The country is passing through stressful times of unprecedented intensity that could have unexpected ramifications. The economic scene was dismal even before the spread of the pandemic, with a falling GDP and rising unemployment. We have now realised that an indefinite lockdown neither retards the spread of the virus nor guarantees social well-being. In spite of the lockdown, India is now third on the list of nations with most Covid infections. The real human dimensions of the pandemic and lockdown are yet to be fully gauged.

With a view to fast-tracking economic recovery, several states have gone ahead with amendments to labour laws to suit the convenience of the investor. Inconvenient (but justified) regulations are being diluted to make matters easier for the entrepreneur. High-decibel voices are already demanding more such reforms. Economic growth is imperative, but the national mood that justifies throwing all caution to the wind and pursuing growth at any cost will have far more dangerous consequences than slower growth. Embedded as it is in the climate of self-reliance and an undeclared trade war with China, trends of accelerated economic development and investment promotion are clearly foreboding. Ensuring ease of doing business should not sound the death knell for the necessary checks and balances in a system.

This misplaced enthusiasm, among other collateral damages, has the potential to create a dangerous tolerance towards corruption, one of the most cancerous maladies of our polity and society. Strangely, corruption, though ubiquitous across the country, is the least discussed malady in political and administrative circles. But that complacency will prove to be quite costly as the nation embarks on the path of a new self-reliant economic miracle. The historic situation impels the civil society to up their antenna and fight this pathogen that is more virulent than the novel coronavirus.

Firstly, we have to overcome the narrow legal definition of corruption. By defining corruption in technically guarded terminology, a large chunk of real and major corruption gets excluded. Broadly, corruption exists in three categories. The first is bureaucratic corruption, which is what vigilance mechanisms and anti-corruption agencies normally target. More than 90% of cases being investigated belong to this category, where individual functionaries have violated rules or misused authority to amass wealth or gain other coveted favours. The impact or deterrent value of this category of cases in tackling corruption is minimal.

The second category is policy corruption. It is not the same as political corruption, though both share an unholy nexus. This is the playground of powerful corporate and business interests. In the pretext of economic growth, they influence the government to change policies, relax controls and do away with regulation. Extraordinary times like this offer an effective context (or pretext) to unscrew the nuts and bolts of supervision and the rigour of rules. All the inexplicable haste with which labour laws have been mutilated and environment regulations diluted are nothing but typical cases of policy corruption.

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That also explains the abrupt manner in which these far-reaching changes were introduced. Nothing is discussed in state Assemblies or Parliament. Nor is it considered important enough to take the legislature into confidence. This kind of executive overreach is a clear symptom of policy corruption. By taking the ordinance route, the executive presents a fait accompli to the legislature. Bureaucratic corruption and political corruption thrive in such an atmosphere that emits unmistakable signals of entrenched policy corruption.

These two kinds of corruption are not possible without the more serious corruption that provides the comforting medium for the virus (of corruption) to merrily multiply. And that is moral corruption. It has permeated our society and polity at all levels. Barring individual exemptions, moral depravity is the norm. In fact, moral corruption is the mother of all corruptions and therefore, our silence about it is lethal. Though moral corruption has countless manifestations, the unmistakable sign is the chasm between image and intent; the gap between rhetoric and response. Once civil society is aware of this gap, words will ring hollow. Motives contrary to pronouncements will be read even in carefully (or cleverly) worded messages. Any amount of rhetoric, histrionics or genuflection cannot win moral legitimacy unless it is backed by genuine intent. At every level, this lack of moral legitimacy impedes the collective but suppressed wish of a people to redeem the society, polity and administration from the netherworld of corruption.

Gandhiji was never tired of highlighting the value of high standards of moral probity in public life. For him, the leader should have no possession of his own. Political life was akin to *sanyas* for the Mahatma. Though that will be too unreal an ideal in our times, the nation cannot regain its soul unless we value moral integrity as pivotal. If we compromise on these threatening manifestations of corruption, the post-Covid India, in its eagerness to scale new heights of economic development, will resemble a battleground: scarred by economic exploitation, wounded by ravenous ecological plunder and infested with moral depravity. On the other hand, this crisis could also be converted into a historic moment for moral cleansing, corruption-free administration and transparent policy-making. Such an India, free of the virus of corruption, will be far more sustainable and truly powerful, than a steroid-driven nation pursuing growth at any cost.

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THE NEED FOR MORAL AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP

ASHOKE K MAITRA

HR and Strategy Adviser to Industries

The world is faced with an unprecedented pandemic with the advent of Covid-19. In countries where there has been a strong moral leadership, such as Norway, Germany, Taiwan, South Korea and New Zealand, the pandemic has come under control.

Scientists are saying that we need to understand that the novel coronavirus jumped the transmission chain from animals to human beings because we have indulged in deforestation and encroached into the space of animals and come too close to them. Earlier, Ebola too jumped into humans because of the same reason.

More than 200 billion animals are slaughtered every year for human consumption. This can be reduced if human beings decide to change their food habits. A huge amount of forests are cut for mining, and to create sports goods and habitats for humans. In the absence of moral leaders in the world who can influence a new kind of awareness to have a safe earth, human beings will continue to overconsume and endanger nature. Many scientists envision worse pandemics in the future due to this.

The industrial revolution invented lots of technology, goods and services that satiated the human hunger to live in comfort and luxury. It created a lot of good things that allowed us to travel faster, live better, have better health systems and live longer. However, it also created a sociological construct of competition and competitive advantage.

The entire educational system, borne out of the industrial revolution, focused on creating people with a competitive consciousness. From early childhood, students were introduced to competition, to win against others by scoring the maximum marks in the examination system. They were convinced that if one did well in this educational system, they would get a good job, which would ultimately result in having a high standard of living and a meaningful life.

An interesting point is that they were not encouraged to start new industries, but were encouraged to work for the industrialists. Max Weber writes that the Church was used by the industrialist to convince people to lead a decent and sophisticated life with good behaviour, which essentially meant working for the industry. The industry also created a philosophy that the more we consume and live in luxury, the more satisfied we will be in life. This led to greed and increased consumption and created an economy fuelled by consumption. Higher consumption in turn led to global warming, climate change and endangering the earth.

Philosopher Terence McKenna says, "We have a crisis of consciousness and conditioning. We have the technological power and engineering skills to save our planet, cure disease, feed the hungry, and end war, but we lack the intellectual vision, the ability to change our minds. We must recondition ourselves from 10,000 years of bad behaviour. And it's not easy."

> The industry created a philosophy that the more we consume, the more satisfied we will be in life. Higher consumption in turn led to climate change and even pandemics. To create a new kind of consciousness to solve global problems, we need moral leadership from the government and industries to work towards a sustainable future

Robert Greenleaf in his book, *Servant Leadership*, spoke about the need for a different kind of leader in the industry and society, under whom followers will get transformed into better human beings and grow in maturity and wisdom with a want to serve society, than to lead. Peter Block spoke about stewardship, which means becoming caretakers of the company we work for and the earth. Many earlier leaders and reformers, such as the Buddha, Guru Nanak, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, etc., showed a holistic way to live without endangering the earth. Sri Ramakrishna, the guru of Swami Vivekananda, practiced the different paths of three religions, namely Hinduism, Christianity and Islam, to demonstrate that all religious paths lead to God and live with universal tolerance.

Martin Luther King was a moral leader. In his famous speech, 'I have a dream', he said, "No man should be judged by the colour of their skin, but by their content and character". His work had a proud impact in the reduction of racism.

With the advent of white supremacy in the US, we see again a rise of racism. The recent brutal murder of George Floyd demonstrated that racism still lives in the hearts and minds of some people. This led to the social movement, "Black Lives Matter". Millions of people white, black, brown and other coloured people came together to fight this ugly monster of racism that has almost spread all over the world. We are seeing a rise in employment and wages in enlightened companies. People all over the world are fed up with inequality, violation of civil rights, exploitation and police brutality.

In India too, the Dalits and tribal population have been exploited for centuries. Except for some tokenism of giving them reservation in jobs and education, nothing significant has been done in the last 70 years to bring them to the mainstream of civilisation.

With the declining trust in institutions, political leaders, banks and industries, the average human being is feeling helpless, apathetic and indifferent to what is happening around him. Albert Einstein said, "Humanity is going to require a substantially new way of thinking if it has to survive." To create a new kind of consciousness to solve global problems, we will need, more than ever, moral and ethical leadership from the government and industries to work towards a sustainable future.

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Lost his bargaining power

The difference between Jyotiraditya Scindia and Sachin Pilot is that the latter got himself sacked and lost his bargaining power with the BJP. He was not as nimble as Scindia with his timing. The Congress is poorer without them, but it is unfortunate that they took steps that hurt the organisation that got them to this level.

Capt Raju Mathai (Retd)., Kochi

He was overambitious

It seems Pilot was overambitious. To expect too many elevations in a very short time is naive. Pilot should have waited patiently for his turn. He has behaved like some youngsters who resign in a fit of anger and join another firm, only to realise that they have come out of the frying pan straight into the fire.

P G Menon, Chennai

Acted in haste

Pilot should not have acted in haste like Scindia; he should have been patient. One must give credit to the wisdom of age that Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has. Pilot's turn would have surely come as patience always pays. Till then, he should have honed his skills as experience is the greatest asset in politics.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

Make defection laws stricter

When politicians become nothing but power mongers, incidents like rebellions and defections become common. It is time the Constitution is amended to make the defection law much stricter than it is. Otherwise, the common people who vote these politicians to power will feel betrayed.

Ramachandran V N, Puzhakkal

Rewards only for one family

This is with reference to *Congress forfeits hard-won gains* (July 14). The Congress seems to have perfected the art of rewarding only the tainted leaders, whether in Rajasthan or Madhya Pradesh. People are now aware of the party's sinister moves. The Congress would do well to learn how to conduct politics without rewarding only people belonging to one family.

O P Swaminathan, Bengaluru

No inner-party democracy

Lacking intra-party democracy and disregarding young and talented leaders in its own fold, the Congress has been losing its hold over the electorate in recent years. Yet, the party is blaming the BJP for its own failures, like a bad carpenter blaming his tools.

V S Raman, Thanjavur

Developing villages

This is with reference to *Challenge to keep returnee migrants gainfully employed* (July 15). The editorial highlights the plight of the hapless migrants across the country. This calls for strategic planning to develop villages and ensure they have the necessary infrastructure for agriculture, industry, higher education, etc.

A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Jobs for migrants

The editorial aptly highlights the stupendous tasks before state governments to retain the returnee migrants. Though states are trying their best to generate employment for them, there is also the burden to make themselves business-friendly to ensure more investments.

S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

Smuggling and terror

Kerala's gold smuggling case is getting murkier by the day. The newest development is the alleged involvement of the state's higher education minister. Investigations must thoroughly examine if the smuggling has helped finance terrorism as many of Kerala's youth have reportedly joined terror organisations.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Oli's reckless moves

Nepal PM K P Sharma Oli has claimed that the 'real Ayodhya' is in Nepal, not in India. Of late, he has been in the news for all the wrong reasons. He has started playing into China's hands. He has incurred the wrath of leaders from his own party due to his reckless decisions. It is high time he re-evaluates his priorities.

K V Seetharamaiah, Hassan

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
India's global strategy is in tatters. We are losing power and respect everywhere and GOI has no idea what to do.

Sanjay Jha @JhaSanjay
My loyalty is to the Congress ideology. My fidelity is not to any individual or family.

Amit Shah @AmitShah
The safety and security of women & children is the top most priority of Modi government.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

SACHIN PILOT SAYS HE IS NOT JOINING BJP AND STILL REMAINS A CONGRESS MAN

RAJASTHAN ASSEMBLY NOTICE TO PILOT, 18 OTHERS ON CONGRESS PETITION SEEKING THEIR DISQUALIFICATION

CONGRESS STATE IN-CHARGE AVINASH PANDE SAYS PARTY'S DOORS HAVE NOT BEEN CLOSED FOR PILOT

BJP LEADER GULAB CHAND KATARIA SAYS THERE IS NO NEED OF A 'FLOOR TEST' FOR NOW

CM GEHLOT ALLEGES PILOT'S ROLE IN 'HORSE TRADING'

BJP STATE CHIEF SATISH POONIA MEETS SENIOR PARTY LEADERS

PILOT MEETS REBEL CONGRESS MLAs SAYING AT A HOTEL IN MANESAR, HARYANA

ITC Grand Bharat in Manesar, where Sachin Pilot's loyalists are housed at Manesar, Gurugram | PTI

Speaking good English, being handsome not everything, says Gehlot

Combative Rajasthan CM questions Pilot's 'commitment', accuses former deputy of conspiring with BJP to topple govt

Speaking good English, giving good bytes and being handsome isn't everything. What is inside your heart for the country, your ideology, policies, and commitment, everything is considered

Ashok Gehlot, Rajasthan Chief Minister

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

UNBURDENED by absence of any challenge from within his party, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Wednesday hit out at his former Number-2, Sachin Pilot, saying "speaking good English and being handsome isn't everything".

An unusually combative Gehlot caustically commented: "What is in your heart for the country, your ideology, policies and commitment – all of that is important."

He also targeted "the new generation" in the Congress without taking any names.

With the Pilot threat neutralised for now, Gehlot claimed support of 106 MLAs, enough to retain power in the 200-member Rajasthan assembly.

Though Pilot has said he is not joining the BJP and remains a Congressman, Gehlot reiterated that Pilot colluded with the BJP for horse-trading in the recent Rajya Sabha polls to topple his government.

Claiming evidence of Pilot's complicity, Gehlot said: "Horse-trading was being done in Jaipur, we have the proof. We had to keep our MLAs in a hotel for 10 days. Had we not done that, then whatever is happening in Manesar now would have happened." The CM clearly hinted that rebel MLAs with Pilot were being offered inducements by the BJP.

The CM remarked that 'the new generation' had not gone through what he had in his long years in politics. "I have been in politics for 40 years. We love the new generation, the future will be theirs. Many among the new generation have become central ministers, state presidents... had they gone through what we have, they would have understood the situation."

Unwilling to accept Pilot's version that he had nothing to do with the BJP, Gehlot has repeatedly alleged attempts at "buying" Congress MLAs for a BJP coup. After scoring a victory after months of fire-fight, he seemed in no mood to spare Pilot.

Political circles in Jaipur are abuzz that Gehlot will soon expand his ministry, which might have two new deputy CMs, seven new faces as ministers and 10 parliamentary secretaries.

If Sachin Pilot doesn't want to join BJP, then he should immediately stop taking the hospitality of the BJP's Haryana government and come back to his home in Jaipur

Randeep Surjewala, Congress leader

Private hotels are open for everyone, anyone can stay there. The Haryana government has no role in it

Manoharlal Lal Khattar, Haryana CM

Pilot was made an MP, a central minister, Rajasthan party chief & deputy CM. What is his age? He is still young, he should have some patience... These youngsters do not have patience

Digvijaya Singh, Congress leader

Each statement by CM Gehlot proves the ancestral rights exercised by the Gandhi family in Congress

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union minister

'Whip applies to proceedings in House, not party meeting'

KANU SARDA @New Delhi

THE notice issued by Rajasthan Assembly Speaker C P Joshi to Sachin Pilot and 18 other party members on the basis of a petition filed by chief whip of the Congress party is legally tenable. But, constitutional experts opined, if the petition has demanded action against the MLAs on the basis of the defiance of the party whip that was issued, then it will hold no ground in court and can be challenged.

Constitutional expert PDT Achary explained, "Though the Speaker has enormous powers to disqualify a member, but not on the ground that members have defied a whip by not attending legislature party meetings. Whip is applicable only in relation with the proceedings inside the House."

"The Speaker is well within its right to seek explanation from the member of the House. If he thinks that action of the member is against the party and due to which the government is destablised, then the Speaker can take action but not on the basis of defiance of whip issued by the party," Achary added.

Echoing the same views, former Secretary General of the Lok Sabha and constitutional expert Subhash Kashyap said, "Whip by definition applies only when the proceedings are going on in the House and the party has mandated that every member should be present and vote on the lines decided by the party. It does not apply to general legislative party meetings."

Kashyap further said, "The Speaker, in this case, can act only when he receives a petition from a member of the House against the members, accusing them of violating the anti-defection law under the Xth schedule of Constitution and not otherwise."

Pilot was sacked as deputy CM and state Congress chief after he, along with his loyalist MLAs, skipped the Congress Legislature Party meetings in Jaipur on Monday and Tuesday.

R'than impact in Chhattisgarh as Cong leaders get plum posts

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

A day after 15 Congress MLAs were appointed as parliamentary secretaries in Chhattisgarh, the party finalised its first list of leaders for various key posts in state-run boards and corporations. The BJP, meanwhile, has accused the Congress of making the move in reaction to the political crisis in Rajasthan and quell any chance of dissidence in the ranks. The Bhupesh Baghel government enjoys a huge majority with 69 members in the 90-seat assembly.

The Congress has already placed 40 party MLAs in various positions, including 15 as parliamentary secretaries. The new list finalised on Wednesday has 32 more names.

"Another list would be declared soon. The responsibilities are being given to those leaders who had worked hard in the past 15 years. The party has tried to balance regional and caste equations also," said PCC chief Mohan Markam.

BJP said the appointments will impose additional burden on the exchequer of the already cash-strapped state. "It seems the government is afraid of a political crisis like MP and now Rajasthan happening in Chhattisgarh too. The decisions are being taken in haste out of anxiety by an ineffective state leadership", said BJP MLA and ex-minister Brijmohan Agrawal.

Pilot episode: BJP prefers wait & watch

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

THE Rajasthan BJP has gone unpredictably quiet post **Sachin Pilot**'s ejection from the Congress post. The party did not hold its core committee meeting in Jaipur in which former CM Vasundhara Raje was expected to participate.

Wednesday's meeting was supposed to sharpen the party's response towards Pilot and take up the agenda for the upcoming assembly session.

Till Tuesday, many BJP leaders were openly talking about Pilot's "adjustment". But as soon as the rebel Congress leader made it clear he would have no truck with the saffron party, the BJP went back into its shell, indicating it preferred prudence to bravado.

BJP managers did not hide their glee when Pilot and his MLAs parked themselves in a Manesar hotel on Saturday. Yet, a full-fledged saffron operation did not come about. All that was visible, though, was BJP's shadow that loomed everywhere — in conversations with Congress rebels or Independent MLAs or references to IT and ED raids on those considered close to Ashok Gehlot.

Though nobody in the BJP is now openly talking about negotiations with the Pilot camp, sources say the party is working on two fronts: Union Minister Gajendra Singh has been asked to assess the situation, while Jyotiraditya Scindia will discuss the matters with Pilot.

Admitting Pilot in BJP is a thorny issue as the party is a divided house in Rajasthan: one faction is led by Raje, the other by RSS backers such as state BJP chief Satish Poonia, Gulab Chand Kataria and former stalwarts RS Rathore and Gajendra Singh. So, while the BJP is eagerly waiting in the wings to strike, with Pilot himself under increasing pressure, the party has adopted a 'wait and watch' policy.

COVID-19 HAS CLAIMED LIVES OF 99 DOCTORS IN INDIA

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

COVID-19 has claimed the lives of at least 99 doctors in India so far, a majority of whom were general practitioners, the first documentation of the disease's effect on the country's medical professionals by the India Medical Association has revealed.

As of now 1,302 doctors have been found to be infected, a report by the country's largest body of private doctors has also shown. Based on these figures, the case fatality rate for doctors turns out to be 7.6 per cent—nearly 2.5 times the national rate of 2.6 per cent.

The number of actual Covid related deaths among doctors could be much higher, though, as the data compiled by the association includes its 3.25 lakh members of whom only 10 per cent are in government hospitals. There are nearly 11 lakh registered doctors in India.

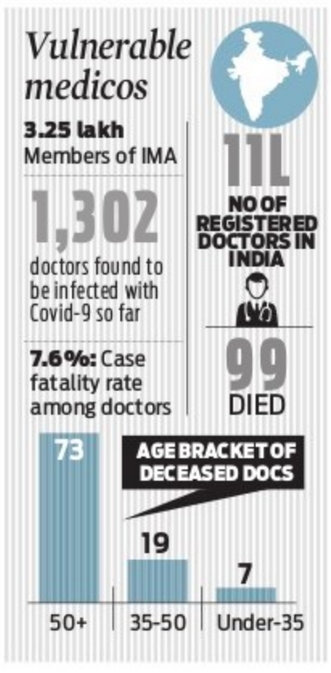
"We are estimating that as many as three times this number of doctors may have died in the country so far due to the disease as most of the doctors in the government hospitals, where majority of Covid-19 patients are being treated, are not with IMA and we do not have their records," said Dr Ravi Wankhedkar, a senior member of the association. He added that a high number of AYUSH practitioners have also died.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare so far has not released any data on infection prevalence and deaths among doctors and other healthcare workers, but a lab surveillance report published by the ICMR had shown that of the total confirmed cases in India till April 30, more than 5 per cent were healthcare workers,

The latest IMA data shows that nearly 50 of those dead were general practitioners, followed by more than 40 specialists and some residents as well.

The fatality rate among doctors has to be found to be higher worldwide due to the high viral load they are exposed to in hospital setups.

The IMA said death among doctors was of great concern and asked them and medical administration to raise their guard. "Working hours should be tempered by safety concerns. Providing for PPEs, triaging should be monitored on a daily basis. Operation theaters, labour rooms, labs and casualties require special care," it said.



Medics attend to COVID-19 patients inside an isolation ward in Shehnai Banquet Hall near LNJP Hospital, in New Delhi | PTI

Repeat sero survey to be conducted in every state with double the sample size

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

THE repeat pan-India sero-survey being planned by the ICMR to assess the actual extent of Covid-19 spread will be conducted in every state and will have more than double the sample size compared to last time.

The new survey plan has hit the drawing board as the Council, facing severe criticism for keeping the last survey report under wraps for several weeks, is now preparing to publish the full report in its *Indian Journal of Medical Research*.

The sero-survey is an important exercise in the current pandemic that tests blood samples from random individuals in a given population to check for antibodies against the SARS CoV 2—which confirms that they have been infected with the virus in recent past.

Sources said a formal approval for the fresh round of survey was given on July 11 after which members of an expert group on surveillance and epidemiology under the ICMR are now working to develop technical and implementation design of the study.

This time, states will be categorised in three categories based on high, medium and low case load and the survey in all the three categories will be carried out in every state. The exercise could begin later this month or in early August.

"This time, we want to make the survey much more comprehensive and detailed," a member of the expert group said. "This will require much more resources both in terms of manpower and finances and also support from the state governments," he added.

The last survey was conducted in two parts in May — 65 districts in 21 states in the first part and containment areas in 10 hotspot districts in the second. The government has revealed only one figure from the first part of the survey, which showed that 0.73 per cent population in non-hotspot districts were found to be infected.

This gave an idea that till April end overall infection prevalence was less than 1 per cent in non-hotspot districts. The other part of the survey showed 15-30 per cent population in many containment zones in hotspot districts were found to be exposed to virus.

Docs seek probe into norm violation in Coronil trial

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

A group of doctors and public health activists have written to the Medical Council of India (MCI) demanding an enquiry into the professional conduct of doctors in a Jaipur hospital who led a clinical trial to assess the efficacy of Patanjali's Coronil.

Following the trial led by NIMS hospital, which many health experts say was weak and unethical, the ayurvedic concoction was launched as a cure for Covid-19 by Baba Ramdev's company (though both Patanjali and the hospital later backtracked).

In the letter written to the MCI, which acts as a watchdog for doctors' professional conduct, leading medical professionals and bioethicists said the doctors who carried out the trial seem to have committed many gross violations of the laid down clinical trial norms.

The doctors have written to the MCI as its regulations say violation of existing clinical trial guidelines by the ICMR constitute misconduct.

The group said the primary concern is the scientific basis of the risk-benefit analysis conducted by the principal investigator and the Institutional Ethics Committee before permission was granted to conduct a clinical trial to evaluate the investigational therapy. Representations made by the manufacturer to the Ministry of AYUSH make no reference to how the dosage was arrived at, it said.

It is a matter of concern that the Ethics Committee approved the protocol for this study without an evaluation of proposed dosage and review of toxicology data in animal models

Letter to MCI

Medics who have written the letter include Dr S P Kalantri from Wardha, Dr Sanjay Nagral from Mumbai, Dr K V Babu from Kerala, Dr Anant Bhan from Bhopal and public health activist Dinesh Thakur, among others.

The group also questioned the study design saying the criteria included asymptomatic, mildly symptomatic and moderately symptomatic patients who didn't have any other comorbidity.

It had emerged that the patients enrolled were in violation of the proposed inclusion criteria and included those who had not tested positive for Covid-19 through RTPCR tests.

Dr Ganpat Devpura, who was the PI for the trial, could not be contacted for his comments despite multiple attempts.

JHARKHAND

Amid the recent political crisis in Rajasthan, Jharkhand State Congress President Rameshwar Oraon alleged that BJP is also trying to lure its MLAs in Jharkhand with an intention to topple the State Government.

7 MORE DEAD IN FLOODS IN ASSAM

Ahmedabad	34	26	Mumbai	28	25
Bhopal	32	25	Panaji	29	24
Jaipur	38	28	Patna	34	27
Amritsar	35	27	Lucknow	35	27
Chennai	36	28	Port Blair	30	24
Kolkata	34	27	Imphal	32	24
Srinagar	32	16	Chandigarh	33	26

Dubey's sharp-shooter was a minor, claims family

Prabhat Mishra was killed by UP cops near Panki in Kanpur when he allegedly tried to flee while being brought from Faridabad on July 9

Bullet mark on a police vehicle after an encounter in which Prabhat Mishra, an aide of gangster Vikas Dubey, was killed at Panki near Kanpur on July 9 | PTI

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

CONTROVERSIES continue to surround the Kanpur encounter case: the family of Prabhat Mishra alias Kartikeya, who was killed by the UP STF returning from Faridabad to Kanpur, has claimed he was a minor. Mishra, an alleged sharp shooter of slain gangster Vikas Dubey, had reportedly accompanied the don to Faridabad after the July 2/3 incident in which eight policemen were killed in Kanpur's Bikru village.

The police say Mishra was 20 years old. However, his family has come out with papers, including his Adhaar card and his exam mark-sheet, to claim that he was only 16. These papers show his date of birth as May 27, 2004.

On the trail of Vikas Dubey, the UP Special Task Force had gone to Faridabad, where it found that the don had already given them the slip. But the STF sleuths had nabbed Mishra with the help of Haryana police on July 7. The UP police got his transit remand the next day and he was to be brought back to Kanpur on July 9.

The police version says Mishra was killed by the cops near Panki in Kanpur when he allegedly tried to flee on July 9.

The police version runs like this: "The policemen were changing the flat tyre of the vehicle carrying the criminal. He was taken out of the vehicle by SI Devendra and constable Sunil Kumar.

"In the meantime, Mishra punched S-I Devendra and snatched the service pistol of Sunil Kumar while trying to escape. The STF sleuths, who were following the vehicle, chased Mishra who then fired at the STF personnel injuring constables Vikas and Sunil. SI Pravin Tyagi received a bullet on his bulletproof jacket. The cops also fired in retaliation in which Mishra was wounded".

He was taken to Kalyanpur Community Health Centre where doctors declared him dead upon arrival. A 9mm pistol was recovered from him.

Following the killing, the police department released a statement saying Mishra was 20 years old.

Family produces mark sheet as age proof

To bolster the family's claim, Mishra's sister Himanshi has now come out with his high school mark-sheet of Uttar Pradesh Board examination 2018 to prove that her brother Prabhat Mishra alias Kartikeya was a minor

NEW ROLE

Lavasa to quit election commission, join ADB

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ELECTION Commissioner **Ashok Lavasa**, who is next in line to succeed Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora to the top post in April next year, was appointed as vice-president for Private Sector Operations and Public-Private Partnerships at the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Lavasa was in the news for his dissenting opinion on the EC's ruling of complaints against Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the 2019 general election campaign.

The senior bureaucrat will be the second election commissioner to prematurely relinquish the post and the first after the poll panel was made a three-member commission in January 1990. Prior to this, Dr Nagendra Singh became the fourth Chief Election Commissioner in October 1972, but resigned in February 1973 to take up an assignment at the International Court of Justice.

Lavasa had joined the Commission on January 23, 2018 and was due to retire from the poll panel in October 2022. As the Chief Election Commissioner, he would have presided over the Assembly elections in states including Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Bengal.

"He has a long and distinguished career in the Indian civil service. He is currently one of the Election Commissioners of India and previously served in a range of senior posts in the government of India," the ADB said, adding that he will succeed Diwakar Gupta whose term ends on August 31.

BJP leader abducted in Kashmir, kin send out SOS

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A week after BJP leader and his two family members were gunned down by militants in Bandipora, a BJP leader in north Kashmir's Baramulla district was abducted by unknown persons on Wednesday.

Police sources said vice-chairman of Municipal Committee, Watergam, Mehraj-ud-DinMalla was abducted from Marazigund, Rafiabad area of Baramulla in the morning.

Malla and friend were on their way to residence of his close friend who is getting married. "He was accompanied by Nisar Ahmad. They were waiting for a vehicle in the morning. A vehicle came and stopped before them. Some persons came out and dragged Malla to the vehicle and pushed his friend away and also threw his mobile phone," said Malla's elder son.

He said the family has no clue about the abductors and appealed them to release his father. Malla's younger daughter also appealed the abductors to release him. "We appeal the people who abducted him to please release him. He is our only hope. I beg you to release him," she said.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Sopore Javid Iqbal said that Malla is still untraceable. Asked whether militants were involved, the SP said, "We are investigating and cannot say with surety that he has been abducted by militants".

Militant posters have surfaced in many parts of the Kashmir Valley asking the BJP leaders and activists to resign from the party or face consequences.

STRUGGLE CONTINUES

Employment is a mirage in rural Jharkhand

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

AFROZ Kotwar (25) has made several rounds of his city Gumla (Jharkhand) looking for a job ever since lockdown forced him to return to his village Malgo under Bharno block. There is no job for him. Soon, he would have to go back to Mysore to earn a living to support his five-member family, which includes his ageing mother, two sisters and his wife.

Afroz worked as a labourer at a stone crusher plant in Mysore, earning ₹10,000 a month along with free food and lodging. When lockdown forced a sudden halt to commercial activities, he had no place to go other than his home in Gumla, which he reached in 16 days, cycling and hitchhiking.

"I am without work for more than a month. No one from the state government has contacted me for a job under MGNREGA or under any other scheme. If the situation persists, I will have to move out looking for job opportunities in other states," says Afroz.

Another youth, Sheikh Arman Kotwar (25), returned from Bhiwandi in Maharashtra recently and is jobless. He had worked at a cotton mill and earned at least ₹18,000 per month. "I have been telling my friends and relatives to arrange some work for me so that I can find a reason to live in my home state," says Arman. With his savings fast drying up, soon he would have to weigh the option of migrating again. Jayant Oroan (20) earned ₹18,000 a month while working for a real estate developer in Hyderabad. He is now finding it difficult to sustain himself in his native village due to lack of job opportunities. He wants the lockdown lifted so he can return to work and support his family.

There are many like him – Sushil Oraon, Jaikant Oroan, Krishna Lohra, Sukra Oroan -- who have been left jobless for over one month. "No one is ready to hear us out... we are currently engaged in agricultural activities in our own fields, but it won't be enough to meet our day-to-day needs," said Jayant.

They say there has been no fresh registration by the government for migrants in Malgo village to facilitate employment. Village Sahiya (health worker) Aktari Bano says no skill mapping has been done in the village though the state government claims otherwise. "More than 300 people have returned to this village and all of them are sitting idle. This may create problems in the coming days," says Bano.

After lockdown, hardly 10 people were engaged under MGNREGA, that too for not more than a week, in Malgo village, she said.

BDO Vishal Kumar, on the other hand, says several schemes have been sanctioned for the village, but due to "unknown reasons", no work has started in most of them.

Some of the jobless returnee migrants in Malgo village in Jharkhand are in need of immediate employment to feed their families | MUKESH RANJAN

A-I to send select staff on compulsory leave

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Board of Air India has allowed the airline's Chairman and Managing Director to recommend that a non-performing staff member be compulsorily sent on leave without pay for a period of up to five years.

The move comes at a time when the government is attempting to sell off the national carrier, a process which is delayed because of the outbreak of coronavirus.

Employees will be assessed for suitability, efficiency, competence, quality of performance, health of the employee, instance of non-availability of the employee for duty in the past as a result of ill health or otherwise, and redundancy

The Air India CMD can now send employees on leave without pay "for six months or for a period of two years extendable up to five years," read an official order.

The departmental heads in the headquarters as well as regional directors are required to assess each employee "on the above mentioned factors and identify the cases where option of compulsory LWP can be exercised", the July 14 order.

"Names of such employees need to be forwarded to the General Manager (Personnel) in headquarters for obtaining necessary approval of CMD."

"We would not like to make any comment on the issue," an Air India spokesperson said in response to queries regarding this matter.

Hit by travel restrictions imposed worldwide due to the Covid pandemic, aviation sector is one of the most affected sectors across the globe. In India, most of the airlines have taken cost-cutting measures such as pay cuts, Leave Without Pay and firings of employees in order to conserve cash flow.

Mamata to launch poll campaign on July 21

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

TRINAMOOL Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee will launch her 2021 Assembly elections campaign on July 21 at a Martyr's Day rally, the annual event that has been used by the party as a show of strength, on virtual platforms. The rally will be telecasted on the party's social media handles in the wake of Covid-19.

The Bengal BJP, which surfaced as the ruling party's principal opposition in the eastern state, has already organised two virtual rallies by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national president JP Nadda.

The Martyr's Day rally, which commemorates the slain 13 people killed in a police firing during the Left Front regime in 1993, will be Mamata's debut on virtual platforms. Every year, the event is organised at Esplanade, the heart of Kolkata, where lakhs of Trinamool supporters converge bringing the metropolis to a standstill.

Mamata already directed her party workers to carry out a series of protest programmes against the Centre against rising fuel prices, privatisation of railways and introduction of 100 per cent FDI in the coal sector.

"The BJP has been unleashing attack on the chief minister on recent corruption issue that has surfaced over the distribution of financial compensation for Cyclone Amphan affected people. She already warned party satraps," said a senior Trinamool leader.

"Many workers in panchayat and panchayat samity levels have already been suspended and hundreds have been slapped with showcause notices. She may again issue a strict warning because we suffered a jolt in the Lok Sabha polls because of cut-money by grassroot party leaders," he added.

MADHYA PRADESH

Kamal Nath makes Chouhan's brother-in-law Cong state vice-prez

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

IN an embarrassment to Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Congress has decided to bank on a relative of his wife for the upcoming Assembly bypolls.

Sanjay Singh Masani, the CM's brother-in-law, was appointed as the Congress state vice-president by ex-CM and MP Congress Committee chief Kamal Nath on Wednesday. In addition to the organizational post, Singh was also given the charge of state coordinator/incharge of publicity related matters for the upcoming 25 Assembly by-elections.

Interestingly, the ruling BJP is pinning hopes on the charishma of former Congressman Jyotiraditya Scindia to win the Assembly by-polls. In the 2013 Assembly polls, when the Shivraj Singh Chouhan led party won a thumping 165 seats majority, Masani had sought a BJP ticket from Balaghat district, but failed to get it. Around two years ago, Masani had joined the Congress on being denied BJP ticket for the 2018 polls in the state.

He was later fielded by the Congress from the Waraseoni constituency of Balaghat district, but he lost miserably finishing fourth with 7.59% votes. The seat was won by rebel Congress candidate Pradeep Jaiswal (seen close to Kamal Nath), who contested as Independent and was the only Independent MLA to have been given a cabinet portfolio in the Kamal Nath government.

Jaiswal was recently appointed by the BJP government as the Chairman of the MP State Mining Corporation.

Bypoll crucial for Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Of the 24 seats, the BJP needs to win at least nine to gain the magic numbers of 116 on its own in the 230-member Madhya Pradesh Assembly. The BJP has currently 107 MLAs, while the Congress has 92. The BJP claims to enjoy the support of seven more MLAs.

EXPRESS READ

'Congress, Rahul should apologise for Emergency'

Dehradun: Uttarakhand Cabinet minister Madan Kaushik said that the Rahul Gandhi and Congress party should apologize for imposing emergency. Replying to the queries related to former Chief Minister Harish Rawat's apology about a 2016 government order under his tenure, Kaushik said, "For how many things Congress is going to apologize? ... Congress should apologize for emergency. Rahul too," he said.

Chandigarh may impose weekend lockdown

In an attempt to check the recent spike in Covid-19 cases, the Chandigarh Administration is mulling to impose weekend lockdown and curfew. Punjab governor VP Singh Badnore, who is also the administrator of Chandigarh, said during a war room meeting that there should be more vigorous screening, testing and stricter implementation of orders regarding social distancing and wearing of masks. He stressed that the Administration is considering a weekly or short period lockdown. He ordered immediate testing of 58 people detected through Aarogya Setu app and also home confinement and self-monitoring of 131 persons.

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CHANDIGARH DIARY

Corporation notice to illegal guest houses

The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation has issued a demolition notice to fifty new guest houses running in the city. The corporation has been identifying guest houses that are operating from residential areas in the new villages that have merged in the MC. Earlier, a report prepared last year has identified numerous violations in such guest houses including narrow lanes, unsafe structure, no fire safety equipment, no parking space, etc. Some of these were recommended for demolition. In October 2019, similar notices were served to 123 guest houses but several of them got a stay order from the HC. The MC has directed the owners to close shop within a month or face action. A majority of these guest houses are located in Burail, Attawa, Kajheri, Manimajra, Dadumajra and Maloya villages.

No large gatherings, physical press meet

The Chandigarh Administration has banned public gatherings in the city. The police have been directed to register cases under relevant sections of the law if any such gatherings are held. The administrator of Chandigarh VP Singh Badnore appealed to all political parties not to hold any gathering or function. The MHA guidelines only permit events like weddings and cremation as exceptional cases. Badnore also ordered a complete ban on physical press conferences, where there is a risk of infection due to large gatherings.

Gangajal in demand at city post offices

Gangajal – the holy water from Ganga - is selling like hotcakes in the post offices across the city. The devotees of Lord Shiva are buying the holy water to the puja in the auspicious Shravan month. At the General Post Office in Sector 17, a 250 ml bottle of Gangajal is being sold for Rs 30. People are buying 100 to 125 bottles daily. The Gangajal has been available for the past many years at the post office. However, the sale has picked up this year after the Kanwar Yatra was banned due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Every year the Uttarakhand Postal Service sends the holy water to all post offices across the country.

31 migrants
found hidden inside a refrigerated truck near Germany's border with the Czechia on Wednesday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	33	21	LC	Los Angeles	24	15	SNY
Colombo	32	26	TDS	Melbourne	14	9	LR
Doha	41	27	SNY	Moscow	21	11	LR
Dubai	37	27	SNY	New York	28	21	LC
Houston	33	22	TDS	Singapore	30	25	TDS
Istanbul	25	19	TDS	Toronto	26	16	TDS
London	28	16	SNY	Washington DC	33	25	TDS

PREZ TRUMP SET TO APPROVE MERIT-BASED IMMIGRATION LAW

Will cover immigrants illegally brought to the US as children; Democratic presidential candidate Biden promises to end restrictions on employment-based visas, if elected

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday night said he will soon sign a merit-based immigration act that will also take care of the immigrants brought to the country illegally as children and protected under the DACA programme.

"We are going to be signing an immigration act very soon. It is going to be based on merit, it is going to be very strong," Trump told reporters at a Rose Garden press conference at the White House. "We are going to work on DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) because we want to make people happy and I will tell you even conservative Republicans want to see something happen with DACA," he said.

Trump said the Democrats had their chance for three years to do something with DACA and they always turned it down.

"They always turned it down. They used it as politics. I am using it to get something done, but we will be signing a very powerful immigration act. It will be great, it will be merit-based. The country has tried to get it for 25 or 30 years," he said in response to a question.

"It will be strong on the border, but you will come in legally and you will be able to come in legally and very importantly, we will be taking care of people from DACA in a very Republican way," the president said.

He said the Democrats had their chance and they blew it.

Donald Trump

"But we are going to take care of DACA because I am going to be doing in the not-too-distant future, pretty soon I am going to be signing a new immigration action, very, very big merit-based immigration action based on the DACA decision," he said.

Democratic presidential candidate and former US vice-president Joe Biden has vowed to eliminate the limits on employment-based visas to address the massive green card backlogs of almost 10 lakh, an issue long faced by immigrants from countries like India.

"My immigration policy is built around keeping families together, modernising an immigration system by keeping families, unification and diversity as pillars of our immigration system, which it used to be," Biden said.

"Biden will streamline and improve the naturalisation process to make it more accessible to qualified green card holders," according to the plan posted on his website. "Trump has made it far too difficult for qualifying green card holders to obtain citizenship. Quite simply, this is wrong," it says. *Agencies*

US stamps out special trade preferences for Hong Kong

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday stripped Hong Kong of preferential trade treatment and authorised sanctions on banks over China's clampdown in the financial hub, infuriating Beijing which vowed to retaliate.

In a discursive news conference dominated by attacks on his domestic rivals, Trump declared himself to be the toughest president ever on China, a country he is increasingly positioning as his nemesis ahead of November elections.

Trump announced that he had issued an executive order on Hong Kong as he predicted decline for the restless city, on which Beijing recently imposed a tough new security law.

"Hong Kong will now be treated the same as mainland China—no special privileges, no special economic treatment and no export of sensitive technologies," Trump said.

"Their freedom has been taken away; their rights have been taken away," Trump added.

"And with it goes Hong Kong, in my opinion, because it will no longer be able to compete with free markets."

Trump also said he had signed into law the Hong Kong Autonomy Act, which authorises sanctions against Chinese officials and Hong Kong police seen as infringing on the city's autonomy—and, crucially, any banks that make significant transactions with them.

Pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong (L) and other winners of the unofficial democratic primaries pose after a press meet in Hong Kong on Wednesday | AFP

NYT moves digital hub to South Korea

The New York Times said on Wednesday it was moving its digital news hub from Hong Kong to South Korea as a result of a national security law China imposed on the city last month and trouble obtaining visas.

Lawmakers hope the new law will force all but provincial Chinese banks to choose between abetting Beijing's efforts in Hong Kong, or being able to conduct transactions in US dollars and operate in the world's largest economy.

US to slap visa restrictions on some Huawei employees

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Wednesday the United States will ban visas to some employees of Chinese telecom giant Huawei, which Washington is seeking to isolate. *Agencies*

Times editor quits, says was harassed for her views

NEW YORK

BARI Weiss, an opinion editor at *The New York Times*, quit her job on Tuesday with a public resignation letter that alleged harassment and a hostile work environment created by people who disagreed with her.

Andrew Sullivan, another prominent journalist who expressed concern that a 'woke' culture is crowding out dissenting opinion, similarly announced his resignation from New York magazine.

Sullivan is a conservative columnist and Weiss is considered conservative by some, although she labels herself a centrist.

Bari Weiss

She wrote that she was hired to attract new voices to the Times in the wake of President Donald Trump's election, but that lessons from that time hadn't been learned.

"Instead, a new consensus has emerged in the press, but perhaps especially at this paper: that truth isn't a process of collective discovery, but an orthodoxy already known to an enlightened few whose job is to inform everyone else," she wrote.

She said she was openly smeared by colleagues who didn't fear their behaviour would be checked. "Showing up to work as a centrist at an American newspaper should not require bravery," Weiss wrote.

"We're committed to fostering an environment of honest, searching and empathetic dialogue between colleagues, one where mutual respect is required of all," spokeswoman Eileen Murphy said. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

BBC to cut 500 jobs as pandemic woes bite

LONDON: The BBC said on Wednesday it will go ahead with hundreds of newsroom staff cuts delayed during the coronavirus crisis, as UK media outlets reel from the pandemic's economic fallout. The British broadcaster, which announced in January it planned to axe 450 newsroom jobs to meet changing audience needs and savings targets, said it now intended to implement 520 cuts.

Apple relieved as EU court strikes down $15 bn fine

BRUSSELS

A European court on Wednesday annulled a European Union order that Apple repay Ireland 13 billion euros ($15 billion) in back taxes, in a major legal setback for Brussels. The commission's historic ruling against Apple was delivered in August 2016 by Competition Commissioner Margrethe Vestager in a shock decision that put Europe on the map as a scourge of Silicon Valley.

The iPhone-maker and Ireland had appealed the order, which Apple CEO Tim Cook slammed at the time as "total political crap".

Vestager was derided as Europe's "tax lady" by US President Donald Trump because of the case, as well as a series of antitrust fines she imposed on Google.

The clear cut decision by the EU's general court could now face another appeal at the top European Court of Justice, with a decision expected no earlier than 2021, but Vestager initially said only that Brussels was studying the judgement.

The EU in 2016 accused Ireland of allowing Apple to park revenue earned in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and India and sparing it almost any taxation.

Brussels said this gave Apple an advantage over other companies, allowing it to avoid Irish taxes between 2003 and 2014 of around 13 billion euros ($14 billion).

EU officials argued that constituted illegal "state aid" by Ireland. But the EU court said the commission "did not succeed in showing the requisite legal standard that there was an advantage".

The commission "was wrong" to declare that Apple units based in Ireland "had been granted a selective economic advantage and, by extension, state aid."

Apple welcomed the decision and reiterated that the profits in question were always intended to go to the United States and not Ireland. "This case was not about how much tax we pay, but where we are required to pay it," an Apple spokesman said in an email to AFP.

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IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C., AT NELAMANGAL
C.Misc. No.163/2020

Petitioner: Suresh B.H. S/o late Honnappa, B, Aged about 53 years, R/at 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, Maruthi Temple, Maruthi nagara,Nagarabhavi Bangalore North Tq,Bangalore-72 -Vis-**RESPONDENT: The Thasildar**(Registrar or Births & Deaths) Nelamangala Taluk, Nelamangala.

Whereas the petitioner above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble court under section 13(3) of registration of Birth and Deaths Act 1969 for order direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of death **Petitioner's Mother** by name **Puttarudra -mma W/o late Honnappa. B** was died on **11.09.1998** at Honnarayanahalli Village, Thyma -gondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.The Hon'ble court has fixed on **17.08.2020** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader duly instructed at 11 AM Failing which the said application will be heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand & the seal of the court on this 13/7/2020.

By Order of the Court,Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge Jr. Division & J.M.F.C. Nelamangala
ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONER: **REVANNA**-Nelamangala

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **SRI H.C RAVI SHANKAR,** S/o Late H.V.Chandrashekar Setty, intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder owned by **SMT LALITHA.K,** W/o Channappa, Aged about 51 years, R/at, No.19, 11th Cross, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore - 560079 and has entered in to an agreement of sale on 19-06-2020.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned calling for objections if any against such purchase of the schedule property, if they have any right, title, interest or claims whatsoever over the schedule property or any part thereof. They are here by requested to lodge their written objections/claims together with supporting documentary proof to the undersigned within 7 days of publication of this notice, failing which my client shall complete sale transactions and no subsequent claims by anybody shall be entertained and all such objections and claims will be deemed to be void and not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No. 60 and 71, assessment No. 47, situated at laggere village, Dasarahalli Municipality, ward No. 73, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring east to west 35 ft and North to South 30 ft, Totally measuring 1050 Sqft, And bounded on;

East by : Road; | North by : Property No. 61 and 70;
West by : Road; | South by : Property No. 59 and 72;

ADDRESS: PRADEEP.V.B(*Advocate*)
No. 739/39, 1st Floor, 6th Block, Dr.Rajkumar Road, Bangalore - 560010
Ph: 9741611660

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **SRI MAHESH B,** S/o Late S. Basavaraju, aged 41 years, residing at No 90/3, 4th A Main, Govindarajanagar, Bangalore–560 040 intends to purchase the Property described in the schedule hereunder from Sri G. Ramdas S/o Govinda Swamy Naidu who represents that he is the absolute owner in possession of the said property mentioned in the schedule hereunder:

Any person/s having any valid, tenable, legal objections/ claims/ right, title and interest in on upon the said schedule property to the said sale conveyance of the schedule property is/ are hereby noticed to lodge their claim in writing, with documentary proof thereof, within a period of 15 days from the date of this publication to the undersigned, failing which the sale shall be proceeded with as though none have any manner of right, title or interest, nor any legal claim/ objections in respect of the said schedule property described below.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the enjoyment of the immovable residential property bearing assessment No 21/1, Old Katha No 257, New Katha No 908, situated at Madanayhakanahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, In all measuring 1200 Sq feet:

And Bounded on: -

EAST BY : Sri Puttaiah's House,
WEST BY : Remaining portion of Puttaiah's Property,
NORTH BY : Road,
SOUTH BY : Sri Rangappa's House.

Together with 5 squares R C C roofed building in ground floor and 5 squares R C C roofed building in First Floor with granite flooring, teak and hone wood doors and windows, with all civic amenities like water, sanitary and electricity facilities

Dayanand Hiremath,
M/s Noble Law Associates,
Advocates, Office at No. 6/1, Gandhibazar Main Road, Basavanagudi, Next to Food World, Bangalore -560004.
Ph: 9980009441.
E-Mail: dayahiremath@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE (APPENDIX – IV A) (Rule 8(6))

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorised Officer of **India Infoline Finance Limited. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on **"AS IS WHERE IS & AS IS WHAT IS"**, particulars of which are given below:-

Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Total Outstanding as on date 18-June-2020	Reserve Price
1.M/s.Shivbhoj Hotels & Restaurants Pvt. Ltd. 2. Mr.Ashvin Shivanand Shetty 3. Mr.Shivanand Bhoja Shetty 4. Mr.Balkrishna Shetty 5. M/s.Shirt Company India Pvt. Ltd. **(Prospect No.733629 & 716532)**	**20-Feb-2018 Rs.11,79,86,666/-** (Rupees Eleven Crore Seventy Nine Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Six only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing 01-A/35/1, Industrial Subrub, Tumkur Road, Yeshwanthpur Bazar, Division No.8, Opposite RNS Motors, Bangalore, Karnataka. (Area:-56000 sqft as per document & 50936 Sqft as per actual)	**Rs.13,12,00,344/-** (Rupees Thirteen Crore Twelve Lakh Three Hundred and Forty Four Only)	**Rs.28,00,00,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Eight Crore Only) **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.2,80,00,000/-** (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Lakh Only)

Date of Inspection of property	Date for Submission of Offers /EMD Last Date	Date/ time of Auction	Date of Physical Possession
04-Aug-2020 1100 hrs - 1400 hrs	05-Aug-2020 till 5 pm	06-Aug-2020 1100 hrs - 1300 hrs	27-Jan-2020

Concerned Branch Address:- India Infoline Finance Ltd., No 11, FF, Adams Chamber, Richmond Road, Bangalore, Karnataka 560025(Authorized officer: ShaikShawali@ 9900260101)

1. Date of inspection of the immovable property is **04-Aug-2020** between 1100 hrs - 1400 hrs.
2. Last date of submission of sealed offers in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD is **05-Aug-2020** till 5 pm at the branch office address.
3. Date of opening of the offers for the Property is **06-Aug-2020** at the above mentioned branch office address at 1100 hrs - 1300 hrs the tender will be opened in the presence of the Authorised Officer.
4. Further interest will be charged as applicable, as per the Loan Agreement on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc., is due and payable till its realization.
5. The notice is hereby given to the Borrower and Guarantor, to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyers/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described herein above, as per the particulars of Terms and Conditions of Sale.
6. The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) are hereby given **15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002** to pay the sum mentioned as above before the date of Auction failing which the immovable property will be auctioned and balance, if any, will be recovered with interest and costs. If the Borrower pays the amount due to India Infoline Finance Limited in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.
7. The EMD shall be payable through DD in favour of "India Infoline Finance Limited" payable at GURUGRAM and shall be submitted at the concerned branch/Corporate Office.
8. The detail terms and conditions of the auction sale are incorporated in the prescribed tender form. Tender forms are available at the above branch office.
9. The immovable property will be sold to the highest tenderer.However, the undersigned reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter se bidding, if deemed necessary.
10. Tenders that are not filled up or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
11. Company is not responsible for any liabilities upon the property which is not in the knowledge of the company.

For further details, contact Mr. Sanjay Jha @ 9560908318, Email:-sanjay.jha@iifl.com Corporate Office : Plot No. 98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122015. Place: Bangalore Date : 16-July-2020 Sd/-Authorised Officer, India Infoline Finance Limited

HDFC
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD.
Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai-400020 Corporate Identity No. L70100MH1977PLC019916 Branch Address : HDFC House, #51, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001. Ph: 41183000/232, Fax: 080-22275754, e-mail: info.bangalore@hdfc.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within **60 days** from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) , may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC Limited,** within **60 days** from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated hereinbelow in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC Limited** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s)	Loan A/c No. And Total Outstanding Dues	Description of Immovable property / Secured Asset
(a)	(b)	(C)	(d)
1.	**(1) Mr. Katagi Rajeevappa (Borrower)** No.98, RHB Colony, 4th Cross, Mahadevapura, Near Eshwara Temple, Bengaluru 560048. **Also at:** Trimetric Technology **Designation:** Proprietor No.9/3, Ground Floor, Srinivasa Engineering Building 3rd Main, Whitefield Road, Singayyanapalya, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru 560048. **Also at:** No.38 (Southern Portion) Khata Old Panchayath No.296, Old BBMP.1357, New BBMP -3593, Varanasi Village, Jinkethimmanahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru 560016. **(2) Mrs. Katagi Shreelalita R (Co-Borrower-1)** No.98, RHB Colony, 4th Cross, Mahadevapura, Near Eshwara Temple, Bengaluru 560048. **Also at:** No.38 (Southern Portion) Khata Old Panchayath No.296, Old BBMP.1357, New BBMP -3593, Varanasi Village, Jinkethimmanahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru 560016. **(3) M/S Trimetric Technology (Co-Borrower-2)** No.9/3, Ground Floor, Srinivasa Engineering Building 3rd Main, Whitefield Road, Singayyanapalya, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru 560048. **Also at:** No.38 (Southern Portion) Khata Old Panchayath No.296, Old BBMP.1357, New BBMP -3593, Varanasi Village, Jinkethimmanahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru 560016.	**1) Loan A/c No 637861475 Rs.42,92,236/-.** **2) Loan A/c No 639163100 Rs.2,08,314/-.** **Due as on 30.06.2020** **Date of Demand Notice (d) 09.07.2020**	All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site and RCC Roofed building consisting of Ground in **Southern Portion of Site No.38, formed out of Property No.9, Old Panchayath Katha No.296, Old BBMP No.1357, New BBMP No.3593, Situated at VARANASI Village at JINKETHIMMANAHALLI, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District,** Presently within the limits of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, **measuring East to West: 42, North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1260 square feet,** together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and **bounded on the: East by:** Road; **West by:** Jubilee College's Property; **North by:** Remaining Portion of same Site No.38; **South by:** Kumari Rajamma's Property (Site No.37). There is 1100 Sq.Feet Ground Floor, RCC Roofed house constructed with all amenities in the schedule property.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to **HDFC Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset (s) / Immovable Property (ies), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Limited.** Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place: Bangaluru. **Date: 16.07.2020**

Sd/- Authorized Officer HDFC LIMITED Under the SARFAESI ACT, 2002

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DASARI NAGENDRA BABU,** S/o Dasari Pandu Rangarao, age 45 years, R/o No. 8-1-293/A/81, Dwaraka Nagar, Darga, Shaik Pet, Golconda, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh-09, presently at Bangalore do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DASARI NAGENDRA BABU** to **DASARI VIYKRAM**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **DASARI VIYKRAM** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 14-07-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.V. NIRMALA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VASUDHA S ACHAR**, D/o Sri Madivala Narasimha Murthy, age 65 years, R/o No. 35, 29th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-82 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SURMA SREENIVAS ACHAR** to **VASUDHA S ACHAR,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **VASUDHA S ACHAR** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 14th July 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.G. SRIRAM** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHIVANI KAGTI RAO,** age 39 years, W/o Mr. Harish Rao, R/o Flat No. 202, Dharma Elite Apartments, 3rd A Main Road, OMBR Layout, near BSNL Office, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru-43, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHIVANI KAGTI** to **SHIVANI KAGTI RAO,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHIVANI KAGTI RAO** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 14th July 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU B.N.** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **ANKIT, (D.O.B) 03.08.1996 existing name and date of birth as per service documents Son of ANURADHA VERMA, W/o Late N.C.(E) VISHUND KUMAR VERMA,** resident of No. SMQ 158/1, Command Hosptial, Air Force, Agram Post, Bangalore-560 007, have changed my name to **ANKIT KUMAR** & Date of Birth 03.08.2003, vide affidavit dated 14.07.2020 at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **B.R. VASANTI,** W/o Dr. C. Madhu Kiran, age 47 years, R/o No. 13/1, Police Station Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **B.R. VINUTHA** to **B.R. VASANTI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **B.R. VASANTI** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 14th July 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.G. SRIRAM** at Bangalore.

THANKSGIVING

Thank you for blessings and favours granted. Seek your blessings always.
PUNIT, SHOBHA, NARESH.

BEFORE THE COURT OF ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH 30)
G & WC. No. 14/2020

BETWEEN: Ranjeetha B Noorithya, W/o Late Manoj Venkatraman, aged about 36 years, R/at No.34, Sai Nandana, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Near Vittal Nagar Bus Stand, Samvruddi Layout, Subramanyapura, Bangalore-61 ... **PETITIONER**

AND: Usha Venkataraman W/o K Venkataraman, aged about 69 years, R/at No.34, Sai Nandana, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Near Vittal Nagar Bus Stand, Samvruddi Layout, Subramanyapura, Bangalore-61 ... **RESPONDENT**

PETITIONER ABOVE NAMED BEING THE MOTHER & NATURAL GUARDIAN OF MINORS.

A. Sai Tejas Manoj, aged about 12 years, S/o Late Manoj Venkatraman

B. Sai Divit Manoj Koundinnya, aged about 7 years, S/o Late Manoj Venkatraman

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the petitioner i.e. Ranjeetha B Noorithya has filed above petition against the Respondent i.e. Usha Venkataraman being the Mother-in-law of petitioner and grandmother of Minors i.e. Sai Tejas Manoj & Sai Divit Manoj under Section 8(2) of Hindu Minority & Guardianship Act 1956 R/w Section 29 of the Guardians & Wards Act 1890 praying for granting leave/seeking permission to Petitioner i e Mother & Natural Guardian of minors to sell the 50% undivided share of both the minors in the property described in the schedule herein below left behind intestate by late Manoj Venkatraman who died on 03/05/2019.

If any persons/general public are interested in the above matter they are at liberty to appear before the Hon'ble Court (CCH -30) to say in the matter on **03/08/2020** at 11 00 AM. Failure of such appearance and claim the Hon'ble Court will proceed with the matter in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
(50% undivided share in the schedule property)

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No.34, situated at Bikashipura, formed by Bangalore Development Authority in Sy.No.9, 11, 12 and 18 of Vasanthapura and Sy.No.14 of Bikashipura, known as Samvrudhi Layout, now coming to the limits of BBMP No.34, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Samvrudhhi Enclave, Kumaraswamy Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560111 having PID No.55-931-34 and bounded on the East: Site No 35, West:Site No.33, North: Land belongs to BDA, South: Road.

Measuring East to West: 9.15 mtrs and North to South: 12.20 mtrs in all measuring 111.50, sqmtrs, comprised of a residential building i.e. Duplex House with total built up area of 3250 sqft.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 10th day of July 2020.

By order of the Court, Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

SUNEEL S. NARAYAN, Advocate
B-1, Ground Floor, 'Shree Balaji Enclave' No. 5, 13th A Cross, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 011. Mobile: 9448737567

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Dabur: Management expects the COVID-19 impact on rural (45%) growth to be limited due to lower case incidence in the hinterland and favorable factors like robust Rabi cash flows, MNREGA allocation increase and likely good monsoons. Ayurvedic products are witnessing strong traction (expect revenues at 35% of sales in FY21 v/s ~30% in FY20).

– Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

MONETARY POLICY KEPT STEADY, SIGNALS PAUSE IN STIMULUS

The Bank of Japan (BoJ) kept monetary policy steady on Wednesday signalling a pause after delivering stimulus twice in 2020. It also said that the economy would gradually emerge from Covid-19's devastating blow, but warned of extremely high uncertainty. "Japan's economy is expected to gradually improve from the latter half of this year. But the pace of recovery will be moderate as the effect of the global coronavirus pandemic will remain," BOJ noted in its quarterly outlook. It retained its -0.1% short-term interest rate target, capped 10-year government bond yields around zero and made no changes to its asset-buying and lending programmes.

THAILAND

ZERO INTEREST RATE POLICY UNLIKELY, SAYS THAI CENTRAL BANK

The Bank of Thailand (BOT) ruled out a zero interest rate policy despite reports that economic activity was unlikely to regain its pre-Covid growth rates until 2022. The BOT has cut its policy rate three times this year to 0.50%, a record low, to stem the blow for businesses and households. The central bank has forecast Thai's national output to shrink 8.1% this year, thanks to foreign tourist arrivals plunging 80% in Southeast Asia's second-largest economy owing to the pandemic. According to BoT Governor Veerathai Santiprabhob, the economy should gradually recover after hitting bottom in the second quarter.

CHINA

ECONOMY SEES GREENSHOOTS AFTER PANDEMIC IMPACT

Chinese imports in June rose for the first time since the coronavirus crisis ravaged the economy, as government stimulus stoked demand for commodities, while exports, fuelled by medical goods, also rose in a sign that the recovery is gaining traction. Imports rose 2.7% over last year up from the 16.7% contraction in May. Exports too were up 0.5%, indicating a recovery in global demand as tough anti-virus measures are eased. China's imports from the United States rose 11.3% in June, reversing a double digit declining trend seen after the coronavirus outbreak. Iron ore imports jumped to the highest in 33 months in June, data shows.

MARKET WATCH

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GOLD
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SILVER
₹840 ▲ Per kg ₹52,195 | ₹0.84 ▲ Per gm ₹52.19

FOREX
▲ Dollar 75.15 ▼ Euro 85.53

Google to shell out $4.5 bn for 7.7% of Jio

Jio-Google partnership will develop affordable 4G/5G smartphones targeted at India's feature phone users

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

RELIANCE Jio—a $66 billion, four-year-old start-up led by the world's sixth richest man, Mukesh Ambani—has raised $4.5 billion (₹33,737 crore) from search giant Google in exchange for a 7.77 per cent stake. This marks the end of a $20.6 billion (₹1,52,056 crore) fund raising cycle which saw the participation of 13 investors and a cuulative stake sale of 33 per cent.

The investments have brought two of the technology world's rivals—Facebook and Google—together in a bid to tap into a billion-strong market. The cumulative capital now raised by Reliance Industries from the Jio stake sales and its ₹53,124 crore rights issue stands at ₹2,12,809 crore. Both Google's and Facebook's investments in Jio value the company at an equity value of ₹4.36 lakh crore, whereas the other investments have pegged Jio's equity value at ₹4.9 lakh crore.

The Reliance-Google partnership is focused on making cheap data and affordable smartphones accessible to those beyond the current 500 million internet customers across India. Jio Platforms alone has a subscriber base of 388 million currently. Google has also entered into a commercial agreement with Reliance to build entry level-affordable 4G/5G smartphones targeting India's feature phone users.

We welcome Google onboard and are excited about our partnership for what it can deliver to Indians, from universalising Internet usage to deepening the new digital economy...

Mukesh Ambani, Chairman, RIL

Echoing prevalent sentiments on self-sufficiency, Mukesh Ambani, chairman, RIL said that the smartphones will be based on Google's Android operating system and will be manufactured locally in India.

Google's Chief Executive Officer Sundar Pichai said that this was the first and largest investment from its $10 billion (₹75,000 crore) Google for India digitization fund announced on Tuesday.

"We think the time is right to increase our commitment to India significantly, in collaboration with local companies, and partnership with Jio is the first step. We want to work with Jio and other leaders in the local ecosystem to ensure that smartphones—together with the apps and services in the Play Store—are within reach for many more Indians across the country," the chief executive added.

Jio ready for 5G rollout once airwaves are available

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MUKESH Ambani announced on Wednesday that Reliance Jio has developed a complete 5G network solution which can be ready for field deployment as early as next year. The network's rollout, however, is likely to depend on the government's 5G policy and most critically, the 5G spectrum auction which was supposed to be conducted this year, industry experts say.

"Jio has designed and developed a complete 5G solution from scratch. It will be ready for trials as soon as 5G spectrum is available and can be ready for field deployment next year," Ambani said, speaking at Reliance Industries Ltd's (RIL) annual general meeting.

According to Ambani, the goal of Jio Platforms was to develop original, captive intellectual property.

The target for Reliance Jio over the next three years would be to connect half a billion mobile customers, a billion smart sensors and 50 million home and business establishments. "We have fully kickstarted five accelerators of growth of digital connectivity: Mobile broadband, JioFiber, Jio's enterprise broadband, broadband for SMEs, and Jio's Narrowband Internet-of-Things (NBIoT)," Ambani said.

RIL also showcased a virtual reality wearable solution in the form of JioGlass, which will allow 3D interactions and holographic content. JioGlass weighs just 75 gm with customisable audio features, and will be attached to a smartphone via a cable. However, RIL has not revealed when it will be available on the market and its price tag.

After Jio, Reliance Retail plans to tap global investors for additional capital

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

PROFITABLE BIZ

With an EBITDA of ₹9,654 crore, Reliance Retail has grown to be among the most profitable retail businesses in India

RELIANCE Retail has emerged as the partner of choice for global investors and is on track to be the next big investment driver for Reliance Industries, after Jio. Over the next few quarters, the company plans to sell stakes in its retail venture to global financial and strategic investors, Ambani said.

"Today, the world recognises our hyper-growth inclusive model and we have received strong interest from strategic and financial investors in Reliance Retail. We will induct global partners and investors in Reliance Retail in the next few quarters," he said, while addressing the 43rd AGM of Reliance Industries (RIL) on Wednesday. Industry experts say that the partnership could include tech firms and not just retail companies.

With revenues of ₹1,62,936 crore and EBITDA of ₹9,654 crore, Reliance Retail has grown to be the largest and most profitable retail business in India. "It is also the fastest growing retailer in the world, and the only Indian Retailer to feature in the top 100 global retailers and we continue to be a partner of choice for marquee international brands," Ambani said, while highlighting the success of its consumer businesses.

Just a year after unveiling an "New Commerce" platform—Jio Mart—Ambani also outlined plans to add newer categories like electronics, fashion, pharmaceutical and healthcare into its omni-channel venture. More than two-thirds of Reliance Retail's nearly 12,000 stores are operated in Tier II, Tier III and Tier IV towns.

"The beta version of JioMart grocery platform is being piloted in 200 cities. Daily orders have crossed 250,000, and the number is growing each day," Ambani said. Jio Mart will have a hybrid model of hyperlocal partnership with brick-and-mortar stores alongside the inventory model of fulfillment from Reliance Retail stores.

"Secondly, the deep-rooted bond with tens of thousands of farmers has helped us source over 80 percent of our fresh fruits and vegetables directly from farmers," Ambani said, adding that JioMart and WhatsApp will be working closely to create growth opportunities for millions of small merchants.

As urban biz lags, rural India drives recovery from pandemic fallout

SUNITHA NATTI @Hyderabad

THE Indian economy is being stirred to life, but it's not consumption of fancy cars or glitzy smartphones that's driving growth.

Instead, rural India is leading from the front with demand picking up faster than urban areas. With job and income losses expected to be intense in metros, discretionary spends will take a severe knock. A higher rural spend is then expected to neutralise the consumption shock, at least this fiscal.

This is a complete departure from the past which saw three recessions-all of which were caused by agricultural sector setbacks. Then, urban demand, private investment and consumption, and government expenditure collectively put the economy back on track. This time, however, that heavy lifting is being done by the rural economy, which accounts for a 49 per cent of the GDP.

"We believe rural demand will lead overall demand improvement in India in FY21," noted Anubhuti Sahay, Head, South Asia Economic Research (India), Standard Chartered Bank.

Evidence is visible from tractor sales that grew by 12 per cent in June y-o-y, having contracted 80 per cent in April. Similarly, area sown under summer crops in June was double that of the same period last year. So was fertiliser consumption that grew sharply at 71 per cent in April-June as against 20 per cent last year.

The central government has also scaled up spending on rural development programmes with spending in April and May up 2.3 times versus the same period last year

TG Jain, UBS Securities

What gives? The front-loading of government expenditure, a favourable start to the monsoon, an early onset of summer sowing season and job creation (and wages) touching a record high under MGNREGA are some elements reviving demand. Notably, of the 40 million rural families that demanded work under the MGNREGA, 33 million received work in June quarter-7 times the average in FY20. In contrast, urban unemployment remains in double digits, with a lower labour force participation rate, according to CMIE data.

Interestingly, government spending on MGNREGA in April-May was more than double that of last year. "The central government has also scaled up spending on rural development programmes with spending in April and May up 2.3 times versus the same period last year," noted Tanvee Gupta Jain, Economist, UBS Securities India.

Meanwhile, the worst isn't behind us and analysts expect the current quarter to witness a deeper contraction. It's only in Q3 that growth will likely normalise, but much depends on the government's fiscal push. "We believe there is still some fiscal space available which could be used to boost domestic demand once uncertainty eases. We also expect the Monetary Policy Committee to ease policy rates by another 50 bps in FY21, taking repo rate to 3.5% along with other prudent macro measures to support the financial sector," said Gupta.

FAULTY PUMP

Maruti to recall 1.34L WagonR, Baleno models

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki (MSIL) on Wednesday announced that it is voluntarily undertaking a recall of WagonR (1 Litre) models manufactured between November 15, 2018 and October 15, 2019 and Baleno (Petrol) models manufactured between January 8, 2019 and November 4, 2019.

According to the company, the recall will cover 1,34,885 vehicles of both these models. MSIL said it will inspect 56,663 units of WagonR and 78,222 units of Baleno for a possible issue with the Fuel Pump. The faulty parts will then be replaced free of cost, it said.

Owners of the suspected vehicles under this recall campaign will be contacted by Maruti Suzuki authorized dealers in the due course of time, MSIL said.

Customers of suspected vehicles can also visit the 'Imp Customer Info' section on the Company's websites-www.marutisuzuki.com (for WagonR) and www.nexaexperience.com (for Baleno)-and fill in their vehicle's chassis number (MA3 or MBH followed by 14 digit alpha-numeric number) to check if their vehicle needs any attention and follow the instructions. The chassis number is embossed on the vehicle ID plate and is also mentioned in the vehicle invoice/registration documents.

Infosys outperforms peers, posts 12% rise in Q1 profit at ₹4,233 cr

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

HAVING bet big on large deal wins and a fast growing digital business, India's second largest IT services firm Infosys posted a net profit of ₹4,233 crore in Q1FY21-up by 12 per cent from ₹3,798 crore a year ago. Rivals like Tata Consultancy Services and Wipro, in contrast, have posted flat growth or slower growth in their quarterly revenues with the Covid-19 pandemic casting a shadow over the IT sector.

Even as Infosys CEO Salil Parekh said that uncertainty still looms large over key markets in US, UK and India due to the pandemic, the company has provided a revenue guidance 0-2 per cent growth for FY21, with a 21-23 per cent operating margin. Infosys on Tuesday also announced a major deal win, signing a multi-year contract with Brazilian firm Vanguard. Parekh added that the total deal size for the company in Q1FY21 stood at $1.74 billion.

The consolidated revenues of the IT firm, meanwhile, grew by 8.5 per cent to ₹23,665 crore from ₹21,803 crore a year ago. The digital business accounted for 45 per cent of the total revenue share and reported a 1.5 per cent year-on-year increase. Hi-Tech, Retail and LifeScience verticals grew significantly at 12.9 per cent, 9.3 per cent and 7.9 per cent respectively. Financial services, Manufacturing, Energy-Utilities and Resources, however, took a hit.

Without revealing specific details on "involuntary attrition" (laid-off employees), Infosys Chief Operating Officer Pravin Rao said that voluntary attrition has reduced to 11.7 per cent from 20.2 per cent a year ago.

Infosys has also completed 95 per cent of all the lateral hirings and will begin onboarding nearly 25,000 freshers towards the end of this quarter. Rao added that 99 per cent of Infosys' employees are still working from home.

Govt to compile list of MSMEs that shut down post-Covid

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

AMIDST reports of many smaller businesses shutting shop during the course of the lockdown, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has sought a list of all such businesses from the ministries of Commerce and Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

According to sources in the PMO, over the past few days, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his team had conducted a series of review meetings on the state of the economy with various ministries. The sorry state of the MSME sector and small businessmen was one key issue that was discussed.

"The government has initiated many steps during the lockdown to support small businesses. However, there are reports of many businesses shutting down. The PMO has asked the concerned ministries to submit details on industries which had to shut operations during lockdown, sector-wise, before September," a senior PMO official said.

The Annual Report of the Department of MSMEs (2018-19), there are 6.34 crore MSMEs in the country. Out of this, the industry claims that at least 15 per cent have either shut shop or are in grave danger of shutting down their business. Since there is no official study on the number of closed units, the PMO has sought a detailed report on this to initiate the next line of action.

"For two months, these businesses faced production issues and now, if they face a further three months of lack of demand, they will die," India's former chief statistician and renowned economist Pronab Sen said.

₹62K cr disbursed via emergency MSME credit line

Since the lockdown was imposed, the Centre has initiated a credit guarantee scheme worth ₹3 lakh crore. However, disbursement stood at just ₹61,987 crore as on July 10 to 1.20 lakh beneficiaries. Under the scheme, the Centre provides 100 per cent backing for a pre-aproved loan sanction of 20 per cent of the borrower's outstanding amount.

DEMAND GROWING

Honda Cars upbeat about recovery, eyes higher sales via new launches

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE post-lockdown scenario is seeing a faster than expected increase in retail sales, Honda Cars India said on Wednesday. The company's officials said that it was focused on cashing in on the opportunity by launching new products.

The carmaker launched new Honda City models in both petrol and diesel variants on Wednesday, the third product launch it has conducted in the last 15 days. Prices begin from ₹10.89 lakh and goes up to ₹14.64 lakh (ex showroom prices, Delhi). "New launches always create new excitement in the market which can boost demand. This is our third launch in the past 15 days and the response to the models have been extremely positive," said Rajesh Goel, Senior VP and Director, Marketing & Sales. Goel added that HCIL has been quick to roll out new products once production resumed (in mid-June). Besides, the company will soon launch the new Jazz with which the line-up will be complete, he said.

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Rajesh Goel, Senior VP and Director, Marketing & Sales, HCIL

Honda Cars is also upbeat about sales in July. In June, the company had reported an 86 per cent year-on-year sales decline. "Enquiry levels are increasing. July, so far, has been better than June and we are almost at 60 per cent of last year's levels right now," he added.

Renowned footballer Hakim positive, quarantined in Hyd

Distinguished footballer and Dhyan Chand Awardee Syed Shahid Hakim has tested positive for coronavirus and is currently undergoing treatment at a quarantine centre in Hyderabad. The 81-year-old was a part of India's 1960 Rome Olympic squad.

Wrestling camp still on hold

Many core grapplers hesitant to join, wish to practice at home till end of July and reassess

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

AS expected, Sports Authority of India (SAI) deferred its plan to restart the wrestling camp after elite wrestlers expressed apprehensions over the move in the wake of the pandemic. SAI will get in touch with the wrestlers again in the first week of August to decide on the future course of action.

SAI, through Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), which is de-recognised, sought views of these grapplers on resuming the camp, which was suspended in mid-March.

"Only a few wrestlers were ready, but most of them, including the Olympic medal prospects, were averse," WFI assistant secretary Vinod Tomar told this daily. "Most of them have been training at home. They were of the view that it's better to stay at home till the end of this month and then reassess."

The plan was to hold camp in limited categories. Five each in men's freestyle (57kg, 65kg, 74kg, 86kg and 125kg) and women's wrestling (50kg, 53kg, 57kg, 62kg and 68kg) were shortlisted, and three — 60kg, 77kg and 87kg — from Greco-Roman.

Women wrestlers like Sakshi Malik and Pooja Dhanda were in favour of deferring the camp. Bajrang Punia also expressed his inability to join the camp immediately due to the safety protocols he has to follow after moving to Sonepat. SAI was planning to hold men's camp in Sonepat and women's camp in Lucknow as has been the practice for the past few years.

Worlds in December?

United World Wrestling (UWW), earlier this month, held the meeting of its executive board to develop an action plan for the remaining events in 2020. It was decided to postpone the Junior Worlds until December and combine it with the senior event. It was announced that Belgrade (Serbia) will host both the events. The junior Worlds will be held from December 4 to 10 while the senior event will be organised from December 12 to 20. The board will reconvene in August to assess the situation.

"The Worlds are expected to be the first international event for our wrestlers. We have time and the wrestlers would be well prepared, if we manage to resume the camp in August," said Tomar.

Shooting federation waits for SAI approval

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

AT long last, the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) — the governing body for shooting in the country — has earmarked a date to resume the national camp after the coronavirus-enforced break. After its executive council meeting on Tuesday, the NRAI is targeting August 1 to resume training at Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi.

Skeet shooters like Mairaj Ahmad Khan have begun practising at Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi

According to an NRAI official, only the 32-member Olympic core group, which was announced recently, will be permitted for the said camp. But for that to materialise, the federation will have to first get an approval from SAI, which has been conducting camps on behalf of various federations that are at present not recognised by the government. "We are hopeful to start from August 1. We will be sending the proposal to SAI soon," the official said.

SAI had recently made the aforementioned range operational for elite shooters. Skeet shooters like veteran Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Sheeraz Sheikh had used the opportunity to shoot clay targets at the venue.

The official said that they'll follow the standard operating procedure as stated by SAI. But the official said that the federation is still working on the details in regards to safety of all the shooters and coaches. It's unclear if the government-advised quarantine measures will be followed.

If NRAI gets the go ahead from SAI, it will be a big boost for the talented bunch of shooters who have mostly been confined to their respective homes.

Situation in Bengaluru makes hockey body wait

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

IT'S learnt that the camp for the men's and women's hockey sides, scheduled in Bengaluru from July 19, will likely be postponed indefinitely.

Multiple problems have meant there is no concrete date yet. With coronavirus cases on the rise in the city, Bengaluru is going to be in total lockdown till July 22. Flying players back during this period could be tricky. It is also learned that SAI is yet to sanction the restart of training. Hockey India (HI), though, is keeping mum over the issue. As it has been derecognised by SAI, it feels the ball is in SAI's court.

When a majority of the players left the camp on June 18, they were given a month's break. "Hockey India on Friday (June 19) announced that the men and women's hockey core probables group based at SAI Centre, Bengaluru will be given a month-long break," it had said on June 19. It was assumed that players would start reporting back from the second week of July before resuming training from July 19.

But players haven't even left their homes yet. Since quarantine regulations will be in force when they get back, it's very likely that the camp could be pushed back by at least two weeks.

Marijne back on August 1

Women's coach Sjoerd Marijne is slated to fly back from Netherlands on August 1. He was to return this weekend, but that flight was cancelled.

MANCHESTER CALLING

Having lost the first Test at Southampton, England are in search of a win at Old Trafford to keep their series against West Indies alive. Here are the talking points ahead of the second Test...

SOUTHAMPTON IS 'HISTORY'

Windies coach Phil Simmons has asked his team to "consign" their successful chase of 200 as history to avoid complacency, as the Caribbean outfit is searching for its first series win in England since 1988. Man of the Match Shannon Gabriel was limping during the second innings, but captain Jason Holder said he expects the pacer to take the field.

JOE FOR JOE

After missing the first Test for being with his newborn child, Joe Root's return will bolster England. Having endured another trough, Joe Denly makes way for his team's regular skipper. His inclusion will see Zak Crawley shift to No 3 and vacate his captain's regular spot.

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EVEN CONTEST

The pitches in England have been balanced to make Test cricket exciting. Bowlers found decent amounts of assistance throughout the first Test, and runs too were there for the taking. Considering this, and with both line-ups stacked with good seamers, it could come down to which team scores big.

PITCH & CONDITIONS

Old Trafford is among the zippier tracks in England, so pacers can expect more help. Rain is expected on all five days.

"You have to capitalise if you bat first. First innings sets the game up. If you don't play well in the first innings, then you have to play catch-up. Of course playing catch-up isn't impossible, but you don't want to do that. Whether you bat first or bowl first, you have to start well."

Jason Holder, West Indies captain

Start activities in states in 2, 3 months: Rijiju

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

SPORTS Minister Kiren Rijiju laid the onus on states to take a call on resumping sports, on the second day of his virtual meeting with sports ministers of all states and union territories. He also added that getting sports back on track will be difficult for the time being due to the rise in COVID-19 cases.

"The states will have to independently decide when they can start sports activities and training. However, I would urge all states to start some kind of sporting activities after two, three months, depending on the situation," he said.

The sports minister also spoke of how non-contact sports can lead the way when situation improves. "We can start sporting events in a limited manner and for non-contact sports. There are some states that have opened up their facilities and started some training. As the situation improves, we must attempt to bring on-field sport back."

Of the states/UTs who participated, several have resumed activities, while others are planning for it. Delhi, Sikkim, Lakshwadeep, Chandigarh, Goa have already resumed activities in non-contact sports.

EXPRESS READ

'Tough for hockey team to keep momemtum'

NEW DELHI: Hockey legend Ashok Kumar said it would be difficult for India men's team to keep up the momentum that seemed good enough for a Olympic podium finish had the Games been held as scheduled this year. "If the Olympics were held this year, we had some chance," he said.

England limited-over series to be postponed

NEW DELHI: India's six-match limited-over home series against England in September is likely to be postponed, along with New Zealand A's visit of the countryin August. BCCI is yet to make any formal announcement. "Obviously in the current circumstances England won't be travelling to India," a senior BCCI official said.

BBL to overlap with India's tour of Australia

MELBOURNE: The 10th season of Big Bash League (BBL) will coincide with India's tour of Australia, the host board announced and unveiled a 61-match schedule for the T20 event. According to the schedule released by Cricket Australia, BBL will begin on December 3.

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KPTCL invites bid against enquiry no: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/EPR-03/Call-2 Dt: 19.06.2020 for **Dismantling/ Re-erection of existing High Mast Tower (LM1) and erection of new additional High Mast Tower (LM8) at 220kV 'A' Station, NRS Division, Rajajinagar for BMAZ North Circle, Bangalore** on total turnkey basis.

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DETAILED NOTIFICATION FOR e-TENDER CUM AUCTION OF TIMBER POLES & FIREWOOD

It is hereby notified for the general information of the public that, the following kinds and quantity of Firewood stocked and lotted in **Sullia, Nettana, Mannagundi and Mangalore Tenke Depot of Mangalore Division** will be sold through the public e-tender cum auction method in one or more sessions on 24-07-2020, 27-07-2020, 28-07-2020, 29-07.2020 & 30-07-2020 from 10.00 A.M till the bidding for all lots is completed. The Sale Conducting Officer will be the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangalore Division. The following are the general and inclusive conditions. For more details visit www.mstcecommerce.com

Central Timber Depot, Sullia: Approximate quantity of timber and other forest products including confiscated materials: Rosewood - 18.000 M3, Teak Wood - 7.000 M3, Other Hardwood - 242.000 M3, Softwood/junglewood etc - 63.000 M3, Teak Poles - 22Nos., Other Poles- 140 Nos., Mixed Sizes - 5.000 M3, Rose Wood Firewood - 9.000 M3, Acasia Firewood- 700.00 M3, Other Firewood - 250.000 M3.

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SHORT TERM INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

1. The Executive Engineer No 1, Buildings Division, Bangalore invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the Table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the Table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). **The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract.** (Standard Tender Document-KW 2 & KW 3)
2. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from 10.07.2020 to 21.07.2020.
3. Tenders must be accompanied by earnest money deposit specified for the work in the Table below. Earnest money deposit will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the Tender document and shall have to be valid for 45 days **beyond** the validity of the tender.
4. Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 1600 hours on 21.07.2020 and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines on 22.01.2020 at 4.30 PM.
5. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Package No: 1. **Name of work:** Providing security arrangements at Main gate entrance and exits in the premises of Visveshwaraiah Centre, Bangalore. (From 01-07-2020 to 31-03-2021). **Approximate e value of work (Rs. in Lakhs):** 45.94. **Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.):** 92,000/-. **Cost of document (in Rs.):** As per e-portal. **Period of completion:** 9 Months Including rain season. **Number of call:** 1st call.

Package No: 2. **Name of work:** Housekeeping providing services of receptionists, computer Operators, plumber, carpenter, pump operators and Gardeners at VV centre Bangalore (from 01/07/2020 to 31/03/2021). **Approximate e value of work (Rs. in Lakhs):** 59.06. **Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.):** 1,20,000/-. **Cost of document (in Rs.):** As per e-portal. **Period of completion:** 9 Months Including rain season. **Number of call:** 1st call.

Package No: 3. **Name of work:** Cleaning sweeping of roads and pathways all round vidhana soudha premises and Dr B.R. Ambedkar Road and Devaraj Urs Road and other allied works in Vidhana Soudha Bangalore for the Year 2020-21 (01/07/2020 to 31/03/2021) - KPWD/2020-21/BD/WORK_INDENT124589. **Approximate e value of work (Rs. in Lakhs):** 56.97. **Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.):** 1,14,000/-. **Cost of document (in Rs.):** As per e-portal. **Period of completion:** 9 Months Including rain season. **Number of call:** 1st call.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Buildings Division, Bangalore.

DIPR/DDU/SPAN/2020-21

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TRICHY (H) NABARD AND RURAL ROADS, CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.08/2020-21/SDO/Dated 14.7.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu percentage tender will be received by the **Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Circle, Trichy, for Two Road works under** Upgradation of Panchayat / Panchayat Union Roads / 2020-21 works in respect of **Nagapattinam** (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division upto **14.00** hours on **19.8.2020** through online only.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **22.7.2020** onwards in the Government website **http://tntenders.gov.in** If any changes / corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website only.

Superintending Engineer (H)
NABARD and Rural Roads Circle, Trichy.

DIPR/2641/TENDER/2020

TAMIL NADU MAGNESITE LIMITED
(A GOVT. OF TAMILNADU UNDERTAKING)
5/53, OMALUR MAIN ROAD, JAGIR AMMAPALAYAM POST, SALEM - 636 302. TAMILNADU
CIN No: U27109TZ1979SGC000834
Phone No. : 0427-2346333, 34 & 2346339 Fax : 0427-2346341.
E-mail : tanmag.purchase@gmail.com Website : www.tanmag.org / www.tanmag.co.in

Tender Ref No: 80 / AVT / CONTRACT / 01E - 13 E / 2020-22

Sealed Tenders are invited from the reputed contractors who are having enough Machinery, Vehicles Transports (Own/Lease) Manpower and experience for executing the following contracts for our company for two years period.

1. Manual Loading, Transporting and Unloading of Raw Magnesite- from Mines to RKD, SKD to RKD.
2. Manual Loading, Transporting and Unloading of Raw Magnesite- from Mines to SKD.
3. Packing of DBM at RKD.
4. Material Handling work at RKD.
5. Crushing of LCM from 0-40 mm Lumps to - 200 Mesh Powder in our own Pulveriser, weighing, packing & stacking at SKD.
6. Production, processing of LCM at SKD.
7. Raw Magnesite Picking (NRG) from Mines Spoil Banks.
8. Drilling, collection (with required machineries) and stacking of Dunite.
9. Running of canteen for contract workers at Mines and RKD.
10. Excavation with own Machinery, Mineral Segregation, Cleaning and Stacking of Raw Magnesite.
11. Deep hole drilling on footage basis by using Compressor, Wagon Drill and Towing Tipper.
12. Spoil Removal Work: Loading, Transporting and Dumping spoil at Mines Dumping area using Excavators & Tippers.
13. Supply of Security Guards at RKD, Mines, SKD, Regd. Office & Guest House

Last date and time for issue of Tender Document	17.08.2020, 5.00 p.m
Last date and time for submission of Tender	18.08.2020,11.00 a.m
Opening of Tender	18.08.2020, 12.00 p.m.

EMD for each contract as in Tender Document. Cost of Tender Document: Payment by Cash or Demand Draft only Rs. 1000.00 + GST @ 18% in person or Rs. 1100.00 + GST @ 18% by post. Tender Document can also be downloaded from Government Portal "**www.tenders.tn.gov.in** "and from our website **www.tanmag.org** (or) **www.tanmag.co.in**

The place of Tender document availability, submission of offers and Opening of offers are at our Regd.office at the above address. TANMAG reserves the right to accept fully (or) partially (or) reject any offer without assigning any reason for it.

DIPR/2649 /TENDER/2020

MANAGER (MATERIALS)

PARADIP PORT TRUST
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE

Name of the work : **"Construction of New Conference Hall & Board Room inside Administrative Building premises"**. Estimated cost : ₹ **1,53,96,274.37**. Last Date and Time of submission of Bid : **31.07.2020** at **17:00 Hrs.** For details please refer our website: **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.**

Executive Engineer,
Roads & Building Division

PPT/PR/123/20-21, DT.14.07.2020

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
(CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, SALEM

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NOTICE NO.14/2020-2021/HDO/DATED: 14.07.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received **upto 03.08.2020 - 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer, (H) C&M, Salem Circle for **CRIDP 2020-21 works, (Package No. 13 & 23)** pertaining **Salem (H) C&M Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 17.07.2020** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)
C&M CIRCLE, SALEM

DIPR/2640/TENDER/2020

World population to stand at 8.8 bn by 2100

More than 20 countries will see their numbers diminish by half and sub-Saharan Africa will triple in size and support three billion people

LANCET STUDY

PARIS: Earth will be home to 8.8 billion souls in 2100, two billion fewer than current United Nations projections, according to a major study published on Wednesday that foresees new global power alignments shaped by declining fertility rates and greying populations.

By century's end, 183 of 195 countries — barring an influx of immigrants — will have fallen below the replacement threshold needed to maintain population levels, an international team of researchers reported in *The Lancet*.

More than 20 countries — including Japan, Spain, Italy, Thailand, Portugal, South Korea and Poland — will see their numbers diminish by at least half. China's will fall nearly that much, from 1.4 billion people today to 730 million in 80 years. Sub-Saharan Africa, meanwhile, will triple in size to some three billion people, with Nigeria alone expanding to almost 800 million in 2100, second only to India's 1.1 billion.

"These forecasts suggest good news for the environment, with less stress on food production systems and lower carbon emissions, as well as significant economic opportunity for parts of sub-Saharan Africa," said lead author Christopher Murray, director of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington.

"However, most countries outside of Africa will see shrinking workforces and inverting population pyramids, which will have profound negative consequences for the economy."

For high-income countries in this category, the best solutions for sustaining population levels and economic growth will be flexible immigration policies and social support for families who want children, the study concluded.

India's population may peak to 1.6 bn in 2048

Scientists have predicted that the India's population may peak to about 1.6 billion in 2048, and decline by 32 per cent to around 1.09 billion in 2100, when it is also expected to be the world's most populous country. According to the study, the numbers of working-age adults in India is projected to fall from 762 million in 2017 to around 578 million in 2100, compared to that of China where numbers of workers are estimated to decline from 950 million in 2017 to 357 million in 2100. It said India may be one of the few — if only — major power in Asia to protect its working-age population over the century

As fertility falls and life expectancy increases worldwide, the number of children under five is forecast to decline by more than 40 per cent, from 681 million in 2017 to 401 million in 2100, the study found. At the other end of the spectrum, 2.37 billion people — more than a quarter of the global population — will be over 65 years old by then.

Those over 80 will balloon from about 140 million today to 866 million.

Sharp declines in the number and proportion of the working-age population will also pose huge challenges in many countries.

The number of people of working age in China, for example, will plummet from about 950 million today to just over 350 million by the end of the century — a 62 per cent drop. The decline in India is projected to be less steep, from 762 to 578 million.

In Nigeria, by contrast, the active labour force will expand from 86 million today to more than 450 million in 2100.

By 2050, China's gross domestic product will overtake that of the United States, but fall back into second place by 2100, they predict.

India's GDP will rise to take the number three spot, while Japan, Germany, France and the UK will stay among the world's 10 largest economies.

Brazil is projected to fall in ranking from eighth today to 13th, and Russia from the number 10 spot to 14th. Historical powers Italy and Spain, meanwhile, decline from the top 15 to 25th and 28th, respectively.

EXFILE

UK FORESTS TO SEE BISON GRAZE AGAIN

Wild bison will roam free in the woodlands of UK after a gap of more than 6,000 years. The ancient Steppe Bison once called present day England their home, until they were wiped out during the last Ice Age. Britain is now contemplating to introduce the Steppe bison's closest relative, the European bison, into the country. We take a look

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

The bison are expected to come from the Netherlands or Poland

Initial release will include one male and three females

The Wilder Blean project will prove that a wilder, nature-based solution is the right one to tackle the climate and nature crisis we now face. Using missing keystone species like bison to restore natural processes to habitats is the key to creating bio-abundance in our landscape

Paul Hadaway, Kent Wildlife Trust

FUNDING

Under the 'Wilder Blean' project, researchers plan to release a small herd of European bison in the country

$1.4 MILLION

provided by the People's Postcode Lottery Dream fund

2022

Year the project aims to release the bison in West Blean woods, East Kent

WHY BISON MATTERS

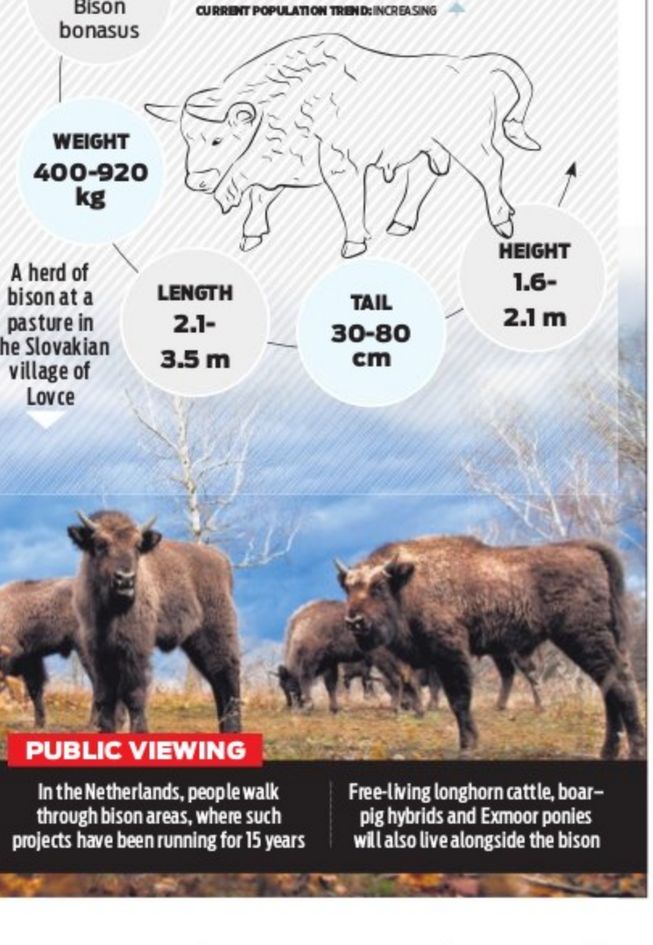
The introduction of the bison will naturally regenerate former pine wood plantations by killing off other trees. This creates a healthy mix of woodland and scrubs, boosting animal and plant life.

BENEFITING INSECTS

Bark stripping by bison creates standing deadwood for fungi and insects such as stag beetles

NO HUMAN HELP

The bison will not be given any food or artificial shelters, though their health will be monitored by observing their coats and examining their dung



A herd of bison at a pasture in the Slovakian village of Lovce

PUBLIC VIEWING

The public will be able to view the bison in their new habitats once they are settled from viewing platforms

In the Netherlands, people walk through bison areas, where such projects have been running for 15 years

Free-living longhorn cattle, boar–pig hybrids and Exmoor ponies will also live alongside the bison

Covid virus may attack nervous system

DEPRESSION

NEW YORK: Depressed mood or anxiety exhibited in Covid-19 patients may possibly be a sign the virus affects the nervous system, according to a study which says these psychological symptoms may be linked to the widely reported disruption of the sense of smell and taste caused by the viral infection.

The research, published in the *The Laryngoscope*, noted that the two symptoms related to mental health were most closely associated with a loss of smell and taste rather than the more severe indicators of the novel coronavirus such as shortness of breath, cough or fever.

For the study, researchers conducted a prospective, cross-sectional telephone questionnaire study which examined characteristics and symptoms of 114 patients who were diagnosed with Covid-19 over a six-week period.

From the data collected, scientists assessed the severity of the loss of smell or taste, nasal obstruction, excessive mucus production, fever, cough and shortness of breath during Covid-19. At the time of enrolment in the study, when participants were experiencing Covid-19, the researchers said 47.4 per cent of participants reported at least several days of depressed mood per week.

They said nearly a fifth of the participants reported depressed mood nearly every day.

In terms of severity, the study noted that 44.7 per cent of the participants reported expressing mild anxiety while 10.5 per cent reported severe anxiety.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Tube scrubs Banksy's art

COVID GRAFFITI

Even if you are Banksy, tagging is forbidden on London's Underground. Transport for London, the transportation agency for the greater London area, scrubbed the acclaimed street artist's latest work on the subject of Covid-19 from one of its trains, erasing a visual warning on the dangers of skipping face coverings. Banksy uploaded a 59-second video to his Instagram and YouTube pages on Tuesday that showed him spray painting on a Circle Line train. He climbed on the train under the guise of a maintenance worker and stencilled his trademark rats. One image shows a sickly rat with a runny nose that sneezes and spreads a spray of droplets across a window.

Nissan's new electric car

ARIYA

Nissan unveiled an electric crossover vehicle Wednesday, the Japanese automaker's first major all-new model since getting embroiled in the scandal surrounding its former chairman, Carlos Ghosn. At its global premiere in Yokohama, Japan, the new vehicle, 'Ariya' was billed as "a new chapter for Nissan." The event was held online because of the coronavirus pandemic. The Ariya is set to go on sale in Japan by the middle of next year, and in Europe, North America and China by the end of 2021. It will cost about $46,000 and will be competing against the Tesla Model Y, which now sells for between $43,690 and $53,690 in the United States.

Russia military says virus vaccine is safe

TRIAL RESULTS

MOSCOW: The Russian defence ministry said on Wednesday it had developed a "safe" coronavirus vaccine following clinical trials on a group of volunteers.

The ministry said 18 people had participated in the research and were discharged without "serious adverse events, health complaints, complications or side effects". The results of the trials "allow us to speak with confidence about the safety and good tolerability of the vaccine", it said in a statement.

The defence ministry did not say whether the vaccine was in fact effective, but a doctor working on the trials said the volunteers were now protected against the coronavirus.

"Their immunity is working well, antibodies are being created, they are protected against the coronavirus," researcher Svetlana Volchikhina said in a video released by the defence ministry.

Their immunity is working well, antibodies are being created, they are protected against the coronavirus

Svetlana Volchikhina, researcher

Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu told President Vladimir Putin during the height of the epidemic in Russia in late May that military researchers were developing a vaccine with scientists at the Gamaleya Institute.

The volunteers were isolated in the Burdenko military hospital in Moscow on June 18 when the trial vaccine was administered and underwent daily check-ups.

The defence ministry reported that "for 28 days after vaccination, the vital signs of the volunteers remained within normal limits".

A second group of participants who were vaccinated on June 23 are currently in isolation in hospital under medical supervision. The defence ministry has said it expects clinical trials to be fully completed by the end of July.

Russia has recorded the fourth highest number of coronavirus infections in the world with 746,369 cases and nearly 12,000 deaths, health officials said on Wednesday.

Mongolian teen dies of bubonic plague

INFECTION WARNING

BEIJING: A 15-year-old boy has died in western Mongolia of bubonic plague, the country's national news agency reported.

The Health Ministry said laboratory tests confirmed the teenager died of plague that he contracted from an infected marmot, according to the *Montsame News Agency*.

The case prompted the government to impose a quarantine on a portion of the province of Gobi-Altai. Montsame said 15 people who had contact with the boy were isolated.

In an unrelated case in neighbouring China, a patient who was infected with plague in the northern region of Inner Mongolia is improving, according to China's official *Xinhua News Agency*.

Xinhua said 15 people who had close contact with the patient were released from quarantine on Sunday. The agency said the government ended its top-level emergency response. An official announcement earlier said a warning for the public in the Bayannur region of Inner Mongolia to avoid eating marmot and to report dead animals would last through the end of 2020.

THE LOTUS LURE

A bee flies to a blooming lotus flower at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens in Washington on Tuesday. The Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens is the only National Park Service site devoted to cultivated water-loving plants | AP

SYSTEM OVERHAUL

Trump seeks to speed up environmental review processes for infrastructure projects

DEREGULATION PUSH

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump is expected to announce a new federal rule to speed up the environmental review process for proposed highways, gas pipelines and other major infrastructure, a move that critics are describing as the dismantling of a 50-year-old environmental protection law.

Trump will travel to Atlanta on Wednesday to announce the federal rule as he seeks to make it easier to meet some of the country's infrastructure needs. When he first announced the effort in January, the administration set a two-year deadline for completing full environmental impact reviews while less comprehensive assessments would have to be completed within one year. The White House said the final rule will promote the rebuilding of America.

Critics call the Republican president's efforts a cynical attempt to limit the public's ability to review, comment on and influence proposed projects under the National Environmental Policy Act, one of the country's bedrock environmental protection laws. "This may be the single biggest giveaway to polluters in the past 40 years," said Brett Hartl, government affairs director at the Center for Biological Diversity, an environmental group that works to save endangered species.

The United States can't compete and prosper if a bureaucratic system holds us back from building what we need

Donald Trump, US President

President Donald Trump speaks during a news conference on Tuesday | AP

Trump has made slashing government regulation a hallmark of his presidency and held it out as a way to boost jobs. But environmental groups say the regulatory rollbacks threaten public health and make it harder to curb global warming. With Congress and the administration divided over how to boost infrastructure investment, the president is relying on his deregulation push to demonstrate progress.

"The United States can't compete and prosper if a bureaucratic system holds us back from building what we need," Trump said when first announcing the sweeping rollback of National Environmental Policy Act rules.

Georgia is emerging as a key swing state in the general election. Trump won the Republican-leaning state by 5 percentage points in 2016, but some polls show him trailing former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic nominee. This will be Trump's ninth trip to Georgia and his sixth visit to Atlanta during his presidency.

Trump's push to use regulatory changes to boost infrastructure development also comes as the House and Senate pursue starkly different efforts. The Democratic-controlled House passed a $1.5 trillion plan that goes beyond roads and bridges and would fund improvements to schools, housing, water and broadband.

A GOP-controlled Senate panel passed a bill last year setting aside $287 billion for roads and bridges, but other committees are still working on the measure, including how to pay for it.

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THURSDAY

DAY'S DIARY

Happy birthday

Retired Indian field hockey player and former captain of the Indian national team, Dhanraj Pillay was born on this day in 1968

PICKING UP THE STICK

He learnt his skills with broken sticks and discarded hockey balls by playing with his brothers and friends in his colony thereby imitating the style of legendary player, Mohammed Shahid

CAREER

Dhanraj's career spanned from December 1989 to August 2004. He played 339 international matches. He is the only player to have played in four Olympics — in 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004

AWARDS

He was awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award by the Government of India in 1999, and the Padma Shri in 2001

'Celebration of watching films in theatres will never fade'

PG 4

'Saving lives is need of the hour'

We are in the midst of the Covid-19 storm and all of mankind has been brought to their knees to get away from this devastating pandemic. Going by estimation of experts, it is expected that this pandemic is here to stay and will continue for a couple of months. In these desperate times, our pharmacological armamentarium is not strong enough to address the coronavirus and its complications. For a country of 1.3 billion in population, the burden of disease and infrastructure to address this is of utmost concern at this point. The rate of mortality, especially death in those younger than 40 years of age, is also a matter of huge concern.

Dr Sunil Kumar
Pulmonologist,
Aster CMI Hospital

In spite of following physical distancing, face masks and hand sanitisation, there has not been much of success in curtailing Covid-19 mortality. It is putting a huge amount of strain on the healthcare system to address this issue. Added to this are changes in recommendations and guidelines every fortnight. Unless we strengthen the healthcare system with adequate infrastructure and staffing, it is difficult to get out of the current situation. The transmission of Covid-19 via droplets and aerosols has been discussed at length. The lockdown has come as a handy option to break this chain. The many advantages include curtailing the vulnerable population from catching the infection, adequate preparation to address the issue – triage, ICU beds, staffing of the healthcare workers. A minimum of a two-week lockdown is required for effective control. If the lockdown is not implemented now with due diligence, we may see repeat future lockdowns, which will put huge amount of economic strain on the system.

Fighting the pandemic is a necessity for the economy to rebound. As we all work together, it is essential that we focus on the right priorities to save lives and livelihoods. Although there is a lot of economic consequences, saving lives is the need of the hour.

Call it Relock or Lockdown 5.0, the latest government decision seems to have garnered different views in the city. With both economic and physical health being in peril as Covid-19 rages on, two prominent voices talk about the need and repercussions of the measure

KEY POINTS

ILLUSTRATION: TAPAS RANJAN

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'Lockdowns are not the answer'

The decision of another lockdown is strange considering the economic situation of the state. This shows that we have failed even from the health point of view as we have not been able to bring the pandemic under control even after four months. People in isolation have disappeared, making contact tracing a challenge, beds in hospitals are full, and the economy is bleeding.

The estimated loss in the one-week lockdown is over ₹5,000 crore. And this, after we have hit rock bottom, is no good news. Repercussions of this will be suicidal. Just as industries were gaining momentum after unlock 1.0, another lockdown only means that industries cannot survive this. It is no surprise that many of them are closing shop permanently and others, which are struggling to stay alive, have come to a standstill. This is not the situation in other states where industries are continuing to run. Otherwise, we should have a uniform policy for the entire country. Before this step was taken, at least industrial bodies should have been consulted. I have spoken to the chief secretary, requesting that traders and industries be exempt from this lockdown.

C R Janardhana
President, FKCCI

PIC: Vinod Kumar T

People are returning to their hometowns from Bengaluru, and several villagers are seeking an assurance from them that they won't come to the city. This is owing to the high number of cases here. So how is economic activity going to take place?

Generating employment is the need of the hour and these close-downs are only giving a wrong signal at a time when we are looking at foreign investment. There is no industry that is not struggling to stay alive, including the pharmaceutical sector, F&B, hospitality, aerospace, and garments. Our economy was already in a questionable shape before corona hit us. At the current rate, the letter of credit will vanish.

With monsoon, Covid-19 cases may rise. We can't come to a standstill because of that. The onus of staying safe is on each individual. Lockdowns are not the answer. As we will see, the result of this closure will be that Karnataka will hit the back seat in terms of economics.

(As told to Vidya Iyengar)

This was incorrect, especially with the upcoming Varamahalakshmi festival. Sarees and jewellery won't sell, weavers will be left with surplus stock. With no exports, there is too much loss at stake

KNOW YOUR CITY

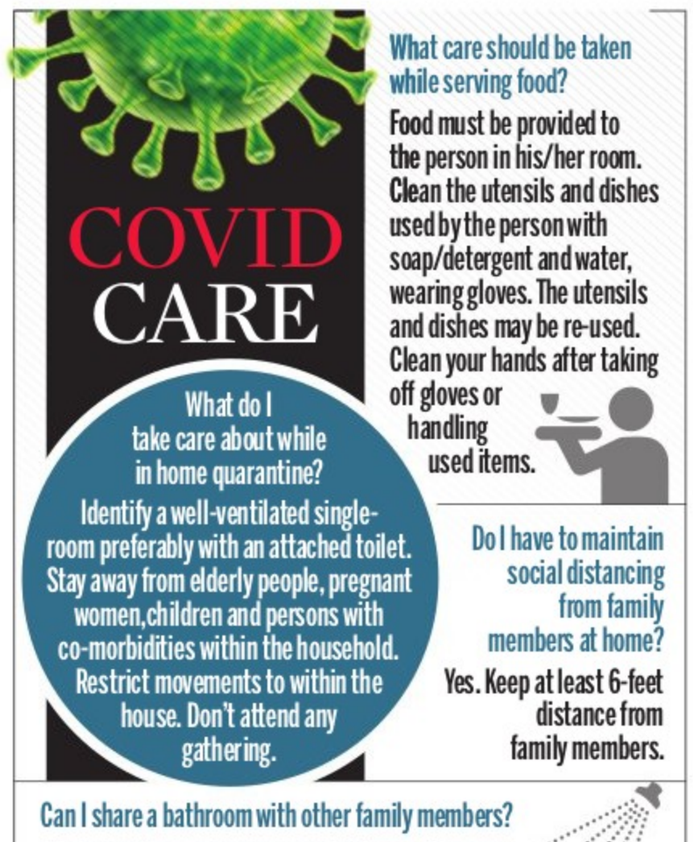
Answers

The correct answers for part 2 of the quiz are

1. Dharmambudhi
2. National High School, Basavanagudi
3. Bangalore Cantonment To Jolarpettai, in 1864

Here are the first three respondents: 1) Rohit Singh 2) Velu Palani 3) Nidhishri G

Mention Bengaluru, and the first images that come to mind are its heritage buildings, IT parks and weather, not to mention the pub culture. But how familiar are you with the city's history? Take part in our weekly quiz series, curated by city-based history researcher Arun Prasad, to learn more about namma Ooru. It will be published every Wednesday. Send answers to bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of the first three respondents will be featured in CE on Thursday.


COVID CARE
What do I take care about while in home quarantine?
Identify a well-ventilated single-room preferably with an attached toilet. Stay away from elderly people, pregnant women, children and persons with co-morbidities within the household. Restrict movements to within the house. Don't attend any gathering.
What care should be taken while serving food?
Food must be provided to the person in his/her room. Clean the utensils and dishes used by the person with soap/detergent and water, wearing gloves. The utensils and dishes may be re-used. Clean your hands after taking off gloves or handling used items.
Do I have to maintain social distancing from family members at home?
Yes. Keep at least 6-feet distance from family members.
Can I share a bathroom with other family members?
It's better if you use a separate bathroom. However, if the same bathroom is being used, make sure to clean taps, doorknobs and mugs with soap and water after use.
Which mask should I wear during home isolation?
Wear medical face mask/N-95 face mask at all times. Discard it after eight hours of use, or earlier if it becomes wet or visibly soiled. You should discard it only after disinfecting it with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution.
What should contacts of the person in quarantine follow?
Only one member should take care of patient. Don't touch linen and use disposable gloves to clean surfaces. Wash your hands after removing gloves. Visitors should not be allowed. If the patient becomes symptomatic, primary contacts have to be home quarantined for 14 days, and followed up for another 14 days or till report of person comes negative.
HOME QUARANTINE

Diya Naidu

A 'moving' effort to help

Monika Monalisa

There is no stopping Diya Naidu when it comes to giving it back to society during this Covid-19 crisis. After spreading awareness about the pandemic, this city-based independent artiste, who is a Covid survivor herself, is coming up with a fundraising movement arts workshop, from July 25 onwards, for those affected by the pandemic. Naidu, who hails from Kolkata, is also conducting the initiative to help victims of cyclone Amphan. All the proceeds will go towards helping sex workers and their children from West Bengal. While many have been working towards helping daily wage workers and migrant labourers, Naidu feels sex workers have been neglected. "Since Covid-19 also spreads through touch, they have lost their business," says the dancer, who explains that their situation has been worsened by the cyclone, which left many homeless.

For this initiative, Naidu, who was also one of the first plasma donors in Bengaluru, tied up with a Kolkata-based NGO Diksha – which works towards upliftment of the sex workers and their children – and CUSP, a Kolkata-based welfare community, which has been working towards providing Covid-19 safety essentials like face masks and hand sanitisers to the poor. The Covid survivor says, "Being an artiste, I understand how helpful it is to use art therapy during this kind of crisis. Not just in the form of catharsis but also through channelising negativity in the right form. Through my workshops, I aim to help people that way. I deliberately left a long gap between the classes so that people can channelise these moves," says Naidu, whose workshops are going to be two months long.

The workshops are priced at ₹4,000 for two months and ₹2,500 for one month. They will be two-and-half-hour long and will be conducted online every weekend.

PAST IN FOCUS

Marking Bastille Day

For French citizens, French National Day is celebrated as a sign of national union. The values Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité (liberty, equality, fraternity) are embodied on this day with public balls and parties. The official function includes a military parade on the Champs-Élysées in Paris in front of the French President along with other officials and foreign guests. A detachment from the Indian Army paraded for the first time on foreign soil in 2009 on the invitation of the French government, underscoring warming relations between the two countries.

French connection: Celebrating mutual ties amid pandemic

Express Features

July 14 marks the French National Day, commonly known as Bastille Day, which witnesses a reception hosted by the Consulate General of France in all cities where a French foreign diplomatic mission is present. However, given the current situation, the get-together in Bengaluru took on a virtual shape, during which videos were screened to showcase activities in science, arts, culture, cinema, tourism, education, business and politics. Bengalureans like former diplomat Nirupama Rao, Biocon chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and Manipal Global Education chairman Mohandas Pai were also a part of the online event.

The day marks the end of monarchy in France. On July 14, 1789, there was a storming of the prison that held revolutionaries that fought against the abuse of power – the episode is forever remembered as a turning point of the French Revolution. Consul General, Dr Marjorie Vanbaelinghem, who is finishing the first year of her term as Consul General in Bangalore with jurisdiction including Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, stated that she had appreciated the co-operation from local authorities when it came to helping her team evacuate the French tourists that were stranded after flights were suspended. "The authorities helped with the evacuation of French tourists who needed to return home, in so many ways, at so many different levels, from Gokarna to Vijayawada, from Mysore to Hyderabad. Like India, France has paid a heavy tribute to Covid-19. We need solidarity in times like these and I'm happy to see solidarity at ground level," she said.

Mazumdar-Shaw shared how she views the world through a different lens, with Covid having disrupted everyone's lives. "Today the French motto of Liberté, Egalitéet, Fraternité is so relevant. We are seeking freedom from this viral disease. We also realise that every one of us the world over needs equal access to life saving healthcare, and finally, we need to come together to fight this global pandemic," she said.

Hoping to work together in architecting a new post-Covid world, Pai said, "To me, France is also a role model in the way we live, in the way we handle culture, and in the way we look at the higher aspects of life." He also attributed France with having a great mathematical tradition and added, "It is the perfect place for new start-ups in technology and to make sure that you can use technology to make innovation happen and make the world a better place."

Dr Marjorie Vanbaelinghem

MANGO PHIRNI

INGREDIENTS

- **Milk:** 2 cups
- **Mango pulp:** 1 cup
- **Sugar:** 3/4 cup
- **Raw rice:** 2 tsp, soaked in water
- **Mixed nuts** to garnish

METHOD

- Heat the milk till it begins to boil.
- Grind the rice to a fine paste. Add the ground rice paste to the milk.
- Add sugar and cook it on low flame for 5-7 minutes. Keep stirring so that lumps are not formed.
- Cook till you get a smooth creamy mixture. After that, remove and allow it to cool.
- Add the mango pulp.
- Garnish with mixed nuts.

– by Uma Murali, Coimbatore

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

NATURE TALK

WAGGLE-DANCE

A special dance done by honey bees to tell their hive mates about a food source. The dance is done around a figure-of-eight, in which the duration of waggling and its angle to the sun gives the precise location of a nectar source, from the hive. 'Waggle-dancing' among bees is an astoundingly advanced form of kinesthetic and mathematical speech. **– by M Yuvan**

BRIGHT SPOT

BRIDGING THE LEARNING GAP

On June 1, 2020, school students across Kerala joined their online classes from the comfort of their home. But a group of students from the St John Bosco Upper Primary School, Kochi, joined their parents to sell fish in the market instead. These six children of migrant workers have been living under the Vallarpadam Bridge in Kochi for more than 10 years. They lost their access to education when the lockdown began. So when classes began, teachers at St John Bosco UP School took the school to these kids. They downloaded the previous day's classes for them and even prepared colourful charts and interactive games to keep them engaged. Four teachers, taking all necessary precautions, have been doing this for the past one month. Be it the pandemic or the rains, nothing seems to have dampened the spirits of these teachers.

Source: The Better India

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SOUND BOARD

BHASKAR BOSE

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Revisionist History is Malcolm Gladwell's journey through the overlooked and the misunderstood. Every episode re-examines something from the past—an event, a person, an idea, even a song—and asks whether we got it right the first time. On Google Podcast

SCIENCE VS

Science Vs takes on fads, trends, and the opinionated mob to find out what's fact, what's not, and what's somewhere in between. On Spotify and Apple Podcast

MILLENNIAL LIFE CRISIS

Millennial Life Crisis is a weekly podcast hosted by Shelby Church and Monica Church, 25-year-old sisters living in different cities. They cover topics such as adulting, personal finance, moving to a new city, buying a house, and more through the lens of two millennials. On Apple Podcast

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

KOTIGOBBA 2

A real estate agent disguises himself as a robber and loots wealthy people. When the police begin the investigation, he tries to convince them that his identical twin brother is the culprit.

- Cast: Sudeep as Sathya/Shiva

MUNGARU MALE 2

Preetham, the son of Suryakanth, a millionaire, is driven by excitement and easily gets bored when it comes to relationships. He understands love after he meets Nandini.

- Cast: Preetham, V Ravichandran, Aindrita Ray

MR. AND MRS. RAMACHARI

Ramachari and Divya fall in love after the former saves her from a group of bullies in their college. However, they part ways when Divya begins to question his behaviour, trust and way of life.

- Cast: Yash, Radhika Pandit

SHANKARABARANAM

Sankara Shastri is a devout and famous classical singer who finds a fan in Tulasi, a prostitute's daughter. She wants to devote herself to his service, but her mother wants her to become a prostitute.

- Cast: JV Somayajulu, Manju Bhargavi, Chandra Mohan

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW LIGHT TECHNOLOGY IS CHANGING MEDICINE BY SAJAN SAINI

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Techno-sociologist Zeynep Tufekci details how companies like Facebook, Google and Amazon use the same algorithms to get you to click on ads, are also used to organise your access to political and social information.

FIT BIT

UDDIYANA BANDHA

(UPWARD ABDOMINAL LOCK)

In Sanskrit, 'uddiyana' means 'upward' and 'bandha' means 'binding'. It is considered one of the three classical bandha asanas and is not only practised to strengthen and tone abdominal muscles, but also to practise meditative, controlled breathing, and to energise the body. It can be done either standing or sitting. Uddiyana Bandha moves energy harnessed through the chakras to the heart with more force when practised along with Mula Bandha.

STEPS

- Sit in Padmasana or Siddhasana with the spine straight.
- Place the palms on the knees, breathe normally. Inhale deeply and then exhale fully.
- Hold the breath outside. Slightly bend the shoulders and lean forward. Lock your chin.
- Contract the abdominal muscles and pull it inside and upwards. This will enable the abdomen to press all the organs against the back of the spine.
- Hold this with the breath outside as long as you are comfortable. One can start with a few seconds and then gradually increase it to a minute or so.
- Now release the abdominal muscles and bring the shoulders to normal pose. Then release the chin lock and inhale.
- Wait till the breathing process comes back to normal.
- Repeat for as many times as you are comfortable.

BENEFITS

- Massages abdominal organs.
- Tones the adrenal glands and balances its function.
- Improves digestion by increasing the digestive fire.
- Reduces stress and tension.
- Improves the function of the liver and pancreas.
- Practising external holding of breath can systematically improve the lung capacity.
- Has an effect on the heart and improves circulation of blood.
- Activates Manipuraka chakra, and improves functions related to the nerve centre.
- Tries to push the pranic flow towards the Sushumna nadi, associated with the central nervous system. Enhances the awareness which aids in higher practices of Dharana, Dhyana and Samadhi.

LIMITATIONS

- Practise this kriya on an empty stomach.
- Pregnant women, menstruating women, those with BP, heart issues or hernia should avoid this.
- Stomach muscles need to be flexible. So practise it after 6-7 months of other asana/ pranayama.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

K.G.F: CHAPTER 1 (Kannada)

Rocky, a young man, seeks power and wealth in order to fulfil a promise to his dying mother. His quest takes him to Mumbai, where he gets involved with the notorious gold mafia.

- Cast: Yash, Srinidhi Shetty, Anant Nag
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

DEAR COMRADE (Telugu)

Bobby, a student union leader with anger issues, falls in love with Lily, a state-level cricketer. However, his temperament poses an obstacle in his path to being united with Lily.

- Cast: Vijay Deverakonda, Rashmika Mandanna, Shruti Ramachandran
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

OK KANMANI (Tamil)

Two youngsters Adi and Tara are attracted to each other when they meet at a wedding. Since they do not believe in marriage, they decide to live together. What follows forms the crux of the story.

- Cast: Dulquer Salman, Nithya Menen, Leela Samson
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

LOVE MOCKTAIL (Kannada)

After rescuing a woman, Adi reminisces about his love life and tells her about all the heartbreaks he endured in his quest to find his true love.

- Cast: Krishna, Amrutha Iyenga, Milana Nagaraj
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

MERKU THODARCHI MALAI (Tamil)

Rengaswamy, a labourer, wishes to own a land and earn a livelihood by farming. But when his dreams come true with the help of a politician, he is forced to face even bigger challenges in his life.

- Cast: Gayathry, Antony, Abu Valayankulam
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

KATI PATANG (Hindi)

Madhavi runs away from her home on the day of her marriage to be with her lover. Her life changes when her friend Poonam dies in an accident and asks Madhavi to assume her identity and take her baby.

- Cast: Rajesh Khanna, Asha Parekh, Prem Chopra
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

FIDAA (Telugu)

Varun, an NRI medical student, and Bhanu, a vivacious, young woman, fall in love with each other. However, they face many personal differences that create complications in their relationship.

- Cast: Sai Pallavi, Varun Tej, Harshvardan Rane
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

HONEY BOY (English)

When 12-year-old Otis begins to find success as a television star, his abusive, alcoholic father returns and takes over as his guardian, and their contentious relationship is followed over a decade.

- Cast: Shia LaBeouf, Noah Jupe, Lucas Hedges
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

THE OLD GUARD (English)

A group of mercenaries, all centuries-old immortals with the ability to heal themselves, discover someone is onto their secret, and they must fight to protect their freedom.

- Cast: Charlize Theron, Luca Marinelli, Kiki Layne
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

TOY STORY 4 (English)

Woody attempts to make Forky, a toy, suffering from existential crisis, realise his importance in the life of Bonnie, their owner. However, things become difficult when Gabby Gabby enters their lives.

- Cast: Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Keanu Reeves, Annie Potts
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

THE MUMMY (English)

When an archaeologist couple's son finds the Bracelet of Anubis, it locks onto his wrist. A cult resurrects Imhotep, an evil Egyptian high priest, who needs the bracelet to defeat the Scorpion King.

- Cast: Rachel Weisz, Brendan Fraser, Patricia Velasquez
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

STEP IN TIME

Upcoming song *Kurta Pajama* is bound to make you shake a leg, thanks to Bollywood dancer Rahul Shetty's choreography, which includes catchy yet easy hook steps

• **Monika Monalisa**

Dancer-choreographer **Rahul Shetty** has been a busy man during the pandemic. On July 17, Shetty will release his latest project, which is in collaboration with music composer and songwriter Tony Kakkar, who is known for his popular numbers like *Coca Cola Tu and Dheeme Dheeme*. Their new song is called *Kurta Pajama* and stars *Bigg Boss* fame Shehnaz Gill.

This is the second venture of Kakkar and Shetty, who says the song was nothing less than a breath of fresh air after the lull period during the lockdown. "When Tony bhai called me for this song, I jumped at the opportunity. I was itching to be out with something," says Shetty. The Mumbai resident hails from Mangaluru and is a popular name in Namma Ooru too, thanks to his dance workshops. The shooting for this song was done in May. Since the number of cases in Mumbai were on a rise, the shooting was done in Pune, with just 25 people on the set. "Usually we have 100-150 people on the set but we had to manage with fewer numbers," adds Shetty, who has choreographed songs for movies like *Race 3*, the *ABCD* franchise, *Kaabil*, *Baaghi 2* and *Houseful 4*. The biggest challenge for Shetty was coming up with a hook step. "I wanted to come up with an easy yet catchy step that even a non-dancer could do," says Shetty, who hopes the song will go viral on social media.

The dancer, who has been shaking a leg since the age of six, became a household name after he participated in reality shows like *Crazy Kiya Re* and *Dance India Dance*. Entering Bollywood without a godfather, Shetty has no qualms about calling himself a 'child of reality shows'. The one big lesson he learned? To work hard for anything. "I find the word struggle very negative. Rather than struggle, I would call it a learning phase. And this applies to anyone who wants to work in any industry," says Shetty. The key to being a good choreographer, he shares, is to think outside the box. "India is a populated country with many creative people. You can only shine if you are always coming up with something new and unique," explains Shetty. Ever the optimist, he believes this is a great time to be a dancer because there are many outlets like choreography for sangeets and corporate events.

A frequent visitor to Bengaluru, Shetty is fond of the many "pretty cafes" he finds here. "My last visit was for a Kannada dance reality show, which I could not be part of because of date issues. But the city has the best of both places I belong to – Mumbai and Managluru. It makes me so happy to see people here being so passionate about dance," says Shetty.

STYLE AND THE CITY
Sarayu Hegde

BUILDING A CONSCIOUS WFH WARDROBE

With no sign of the pandemic slowing down, it seems like the work from home (WFH) wardrobe that gathered momentum during the initial days of lockdown is here to stay longer than we expected. As I reflected on my wardrobe choices for this new normal, I was convinced that the timing was right to begin my slow journey towards a more conscious lifestyle. First, I had to iron out what's important to me in a brand. Keeping in mind my personal ethics, I chose to adopt homegrown (think vocal for local) environment-friendly brands with ethical and transparent practices. Next, since we are spending most of our time social distancing or indoors, I looked for sustainable, affordable and transitional multi-functional garments that can work for grocery pick-up or video conferences. My picks for this week would be Summer House and Nicobar, two responsible brands with everyday modern collections that make you feel put together while keeping it casual, with comfort being the key element.

Championing mindfulness is Bengaluru brand Summer House whose Instagram page describes them in 3 words: sustainability, craftsmanship and kindness. Rekha Dalta, founder of the brand, says, "We didn't know we were doing anything special when we started a responsible brand. We just did what we thought was right." There is just no reason why one should buy a ₹3,000-4,000 dress from a fast fashion brand -- one that got the dress made in a sweatshop without a care for the planet or the people making it, and with quality that won't last beyond a season or two – when you can buy a dress for the same price from a brand that has provided fair wages and worked with quality sustainable materials that will last for years. Speaking of their WFH collection made from hand marbled linen, mul cotton and plush poplins, Dalta says, "What we

know of most of our customers is that they will be well dressed no matter whether they are – at home, at work or out and about. Being a small sustainable business driven not just by design and profit, but by ethics and community, for this brand everyday luxury in context to fashion is how your clothes make you feel with quality and craftsmanship as usual being their focal point, and garments designed to last year after year."

Since the launch of the brand in 2016, Nicobar has been taking baby steps towards reducing their carbon footprints and aid you in making more conscious consumer choices. From the get-go they have focused on making silhouettes that are timeless. Nicobar takes inspiration from journeys across the Indian Ocean. Their philosophy has been to design products that last, are not trend driven, are inspired by natural design and elements, and influenced by culture we grew up in. A Nicobar WHF look is comfortable, breathable, playful but put together, and an easy transition from working in the day to drinks over Zoom at night. Their edit chronicles the daily routines of their customers -- "We've tried to put ourselves in their shoes and thought of what the new normal would look like for them, and how our pieces can elevate their everyday at-home experiences. We have paired garments and minimal jewellery that you can work in, work out in and also wind down over drinks with your friends."

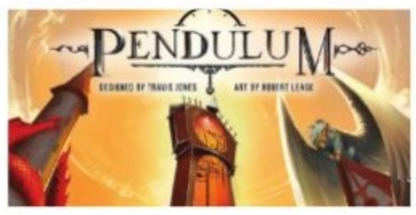
Whether it is working from home or going to a physical office, everything we wear reflects our state of mind. Intentionally or unintentionally we communicate our mood to the outside world through our wardrobe choices. Making your choice from a homegrown or conscious brand is only a mood elevator.

(The writer is a lifestyle consultant and mindful fashion advocate)

WHAT'S NEW?

Perseverance: Castaway Chronicles

Mindclash Games is known for heavy games, but they've outdone themselves this time. Perseverance is an ambitious game consisting of four episodes, where each episode is itself an individual game. Episodes 1 and 2 are currently on Kickstarter, and doing well too.



Pendulum

Stonemaier Games have announced their lone 2020 release, Pendulum. A real-time game that purports to be more calculated and less frenzied than the usual example of that genre, Pendulum has big shoes to fill but seems unusual enough to be worth checking out.

Pandemic Legacy: Season 0

A teaser for something called Pandemic Legacy: Season 0 hit the internet recently. With the name suggesting a prequel of some sort, that's all we've got to go on; still, Leacock and Daviau are a trusted firm by this point, so let's see what they've got here.

On the cards: Matter of identity

PLAY ON
Arjun Sukumaran

http://goo.gl/uNBWN3

(Arjun is a gamer, book lover and an all-round renaissance man)

Fantasy Flight Games has made a name for itself with its line of Living Card Games – games that evolve over the course of time with the release of campaign expansions and card packs. Starting with the Lord of the Rings LCG and, more recently, the excellent Arkham Horror LCG, they've consistently put out compelling games with this framework. Today, we're talking about their latest twist on the genre – Marvel Champions.

Released in 2019, Marvel Champions is a fully cooperative card game where 1-4 players team up as Marvel superheroes in order to defeat a villain and counter any schemes he might be trying to pull along the way. You lose if the villain manages to bring his schemes to fruition or if all players are defeated, and you win if you manage to take down the villain across a series of stages. You see, as each game goes on, the villains change their tactics in various ways – Rhino gets angrier and starts hitting harder, for example, while Ultron starts amassing an armada of drones to defend him. Adding more variability is the modular encounter deck system which is utilised in every game; for example, Rhino might be planning to set off a bomb in one encounter, whereas Klaw might be backed up by legions of Hydra minions in another.

Enough about the villains, though -- we're all here for the heroes, right? The base game of Marvel Champions offers five heroes -- Black Panther, Captain Marvel, Iron Man, She-Hulk and Spider-Man -- and each plays differently, as you might imagine. There are a lot of things to admire about Marvel Champions, but the cleverest mechanic in this box is how it handles player identities. Here's how it works – each player starts the game in alter-ego mode, where your character is currently in their 'civilian' persona

(Peter Parker, for example, or Carol Danvers). That's all well and good, but you can't actually go on the offence against the villain until you flip your identity card to its hero side. The problem is that, once you've done that, the villain becomes aware of you and starts coming after you; Rhino doesn't know or care about Peter Parker, but he's definitely not a fan of Spider-Man.

Eventually you're going to take enough hits that you need to flip back to your alter-ego side and recuperate a bit, but that's when villains take advantage of your absence in order to scheme and advance their plots. It's a razor-sharp system and a beautiful tightrope to walk – should you stay in hero form a little longer even though you're already battered, or should you take the chance to heal up a little and hope that the villain doesn't take too much advantage of the breather?

This is one of the most thematic games that's come out recently, because the theme is baked into every aspect of the game. For example, Iron Man starts the game with a hand size of 1 (while Tony Stark has 6) and the only way to boost that is by deploying more tech upgrades to his suit over the course of the game. Captain Marvel specialises in massive bursts of damage, as you'd expect, and meanwhile each villain feels unique as well.

Marvel Champions is a phenomenal game. Having been warmly received, it's got a steady flow of expansion card packs that add new heroes (Captain America is particularly fun!), villains and scenarios to play through. It can be a little convoluted to work your way through the flow of the game the first time you play, but it is worth the effort.

| CITY READ |

Dating app reveals top 10 most used emojis by Bengalureans in their bio

In celebration of World Emoji Day, Tinder pulled the top 10 emojis used in bios by members in Bengaluru, and interestingly, the face mask Emoji has made the list as well. The winking smiley slides into the number one position on the list. Other popular emojis among Bengalureans include the peace sign, the heart eye emoji and tongue out emoji. The beer emoji also emerged a favourite among dwellers of Pub City.

BALCO takes measures to help fight against Covid pandemic

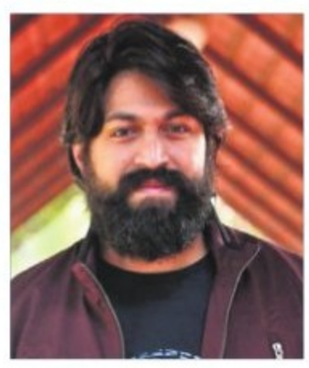
Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO) has rolled out various health and safety measures safeguarding employees, business partners and communities against COVID-19. They worked with local women's self-help groups associated with its 'Unnati Project' to produce thousands of masks, gowns and caps. Thousands of their employees contributed one day's salary towards the PM care relief fund for COVID-19.

Making friends

Danish Sait has found the best way to turn a neighbour into a friend. He wrote a letter to an army personnel who lives nearby, asking if he could visit him and hang out in his garden. He added his contact details and left the letter with a guard. He soon got a call from the neighbour's assistant.

Doting dad

Head to Yash's Instagram for your daily dose of cuteness. The actor uploaded a video of his young one shaking a leg in his toy car. Remember to keep the sound on to hear him cheer the toddler. "Can barely stand, but once the music is on our little man turns into a party animal!" wrote Yash.



WHEN ARTS, AESTHETICS AND SCIENCE COME CLOSER

G Ulaganathan
Dance critic

As India woke up to the arrival of 2020, as Dr A P J Abdul Kalam had predicted, there were all indications of a new India emerging. Vision 2020 was all set to take shape.

Hardly a couple of months later, the country was slowly stepping into an era of gloom. Movements were restricted, socialising was banned and evenings became dull with everyone confined to the house.

For dance critics like me, with nowhere to go, no stage performances or interaction with artistes, there was only laptop or mobile phone for company.

Covid has also given a new definition – Creators of Various Interactive Domains. Can Arts and Science meet? Yes and No. While our 8-inch phone screens and laptops are buzzing with cultural events and have become a virtual theatre in our hands, the sight of dancers in their pyjamas and jeans presenting the varnams and jathis in their drawing rooms, porticos and even kitchen puts me off.

Zoom-Bha Natyam (as dancer Anita Ratnam calls it), live chats, conferences and arangetrams have all descended on our hand-held machine and it looks like the world has shrunk into the palms of our hands.

There were some good online dance festivals that gave glimpses of superb technology, sensitive lighting and stunning dancing, but they are few and far between. One such show was hosted by Bangalore-based Kuchipudi guru Vyjayanthi Kashi with help from her tech-savvy daughter and dancer Prateeksha in which, for about a week, every day a dancer and guru were interviewed online and glimpses of their past came alive.

From The Hague, The India Dans Festival 2020 Online Edition was produced by Korzo theatre. Directed by Indophile and dance enthusiast, Leo Spreksel, this beautifully curated event featured some rare artistes who we will never get to see in India.

From Chicago, the young disciples of Krithika Rajagopalan's Natya Dance Theatre presented two shows every weekend for three weeks. Programme notes were sent in advance to each 'audience member'.

But for one good show, there are at least 10 poorly executed performances.

A Mohiniyattam dancer presented a half-an-hour recital and sent a link to watch it. But the audio was almost in the mute mode and video was shaky. In fact, she didn't have to move, the camera was doing it for her! When pointed out, she blamed the poor net connectivity and her husband who was filming it on his mobile phone!

It is depressing to find performers not understanding who the audience is, and what is the new language they need to use to communicate while performing in front of empty space and walls.

The stage is now a living room, lobby, a portico, a corner or front yard, with saris or bedsheets replacing the curtains. And it is painful to watch the dancers, who used to apply make-up and wear dance costumes, forgetting the fact that all dance styles have to have 'Aharya' — a strict dress code.

We have dance content. What is needed is the twining with technology. This is an area that many younger dancers can work on using this period to learn.

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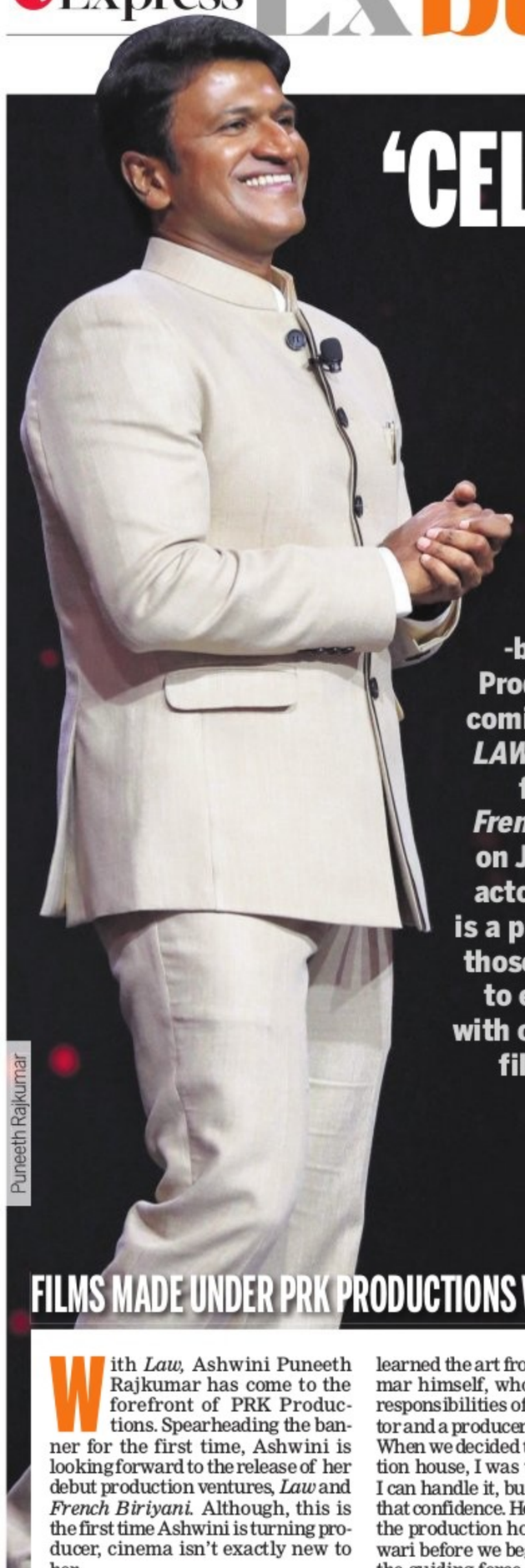

Puneeth Rajkumar

Puneeth Rajkumar -backed PRK Productions is coming up with *LAW* this week, followed by *French Biriyani* on July 24; the actor says OTT is a platform for those who want to experiment with cinema and film releases

A Sharadhaa

The next two weeks, two Kannada films will be released directly on Amazon Prime Video. Incidentally, both these films — *LAW,* starring Ragini Prajwal and directed by Raghu Samarth, and *French Biriyani* directed by Pannaga Bharana and featuring Danish Sait in the lead — is backed by Puneeth Rajkumar's PRK Productions.

With these two films, Puneeth's wife, Ashwini, turns producer. Although these films were made for a theatrical release, the ongoing pandemic has resulted in *Law* and *French Biriyani* taking the digital route. How does Puneeth, who comes from the legendary Rajkumar family that has produced not just important actors but producers too, and has always celebrated cinema in theatres, see the ongoing wave of digital releases? "Digital has strengthened its presence over the past three to four years. Also, from our industry, I am not the first who is taking this route. Having said that, I am sure that despite various new avenues coming up, the celebration of watching films in theatres will never go down. However, at this point of time, we had something to offer, and there was this platform like Amazon Prime Video, which was ready to facilitate a direct-to-OTT release of both *Law* and *French Biriyani*," says Puneeth, who is also glad that the entire country will get to watch both these films.

Puneeth opines that OTT platforms are a good option for filmmakers who want to experiment with their content. "I am looking forward to getting feedback about *Law* and *French Biriyani*," says the Powerstar, who is thankful to Amazon Prime Video, for taking up these Kannada films "We will have more projects coming up for all," he says.

According to Puneeth, there is nothing specific about the kind of films that will work in OTT or theatre. " We all believe in good cinema. Since we are into films, it is our job to update ourselves, as well as on what's happening on the technology front. It is just that the streaming platform gives an option for people to select and watch," says the actor and producer, who cites an example of going to theatres is like dining out, which can't be done every day. "One doesn't like to venture out and eat all the three meals daily and prefer to cook and eat at home. But there are times, you want to dine out once in a while. With time, cinema viewing experience might change, but theatres have their charm, and it's here to stay and celebrate. On OTT, we can watch movies or series anytime, anywhere and at our convenience in the comfort of their homes."

Ashwini, who makes her debut as the producer with *Law,* is also incharge of listening to the stories that come in the way of PRK productions. "I am glad Ragini is getting introduced through this film. Her husband Prajwal Devaraj is a good friend of mine. There is his father, Devaraj, who has earned a good name in the industry. We are happy to introduce one more actor from that family," he says.

"*French Biriyani* came through Danish, whom we are all extremely fond of," says Puneeth. "He came up with this concept with Pannaga Bharana, who is also known to us. We have associated with his father, TS Nagabharana. It was a pleasure to have the two of them coming together along with Sal Yusuf, Pitoh Ghosh from Mumbai and Disha Madan. We are more than happy to see Rangayana Raghu being part of *French Biriyani*," he says.

Puneeth wants to ensure that PRK Productions is synonymous with good content. "It is more teamwork, with just two to three of us coming together and picking the script. Once that's done, I have very little involvement in terms of star cast. I leave it to the director to use their creativity and bring to the screen their visualisation. If people appreciate the films coming from our banner, we are happy to produce more," sign off Puneeth.

FILMS MADE UNDER PRK PRODUCTIONS WILL BE ONLY CONTENT-ORIENTED: ASHWINI PUNEETH RAJKUMAR

With *Law,* Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar has come to the forefront of PRK Productions. Spearheading the banner for the first time, Ashwini is looking forward to the release of her debut production ventures, *Law* and *French Biriyani.* Although, this is the first time Ashwini is turning producer, cinema isn't exactly new to her.

Having watched the works of Dr. Rajkumar, she has also had the opportunity to know how her mother-in-law Parvathamma Rajkumar has handled production. Ashwini has learned the art from Puneeth Rajkumar himself, who has handled the responsibilities of being both an actor and a producer. "It is challenging. When we decided to start the production house, I was thinking, whether I can handle it, but Puneeth gave me that confidence. He, who has handled the production house - Sri Vajreshwari before we began PRK has been the guiding force, and he is helping out in every step. A couple of family members are guiding me too," she says.

Do women make better producers? "Of course yes. I can never compare myself to my mother-in-law, but I have seen her handling the work during the early days of my marriage. She was in a different league altogether. It is a lot of responsibility, and I want to improve with each project," she says.

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However, Ashwini is very clear as to the kind of films she wants PRK Productions to back. "It has to be only about content," says Ashwini, adding, "Though Puneeth is a commercial hero, I like offbeat films." Ashwini reasons out why she wants to back content-based cinema. "I am a voracious reader, and it is only after I turned producer that I have started watching a lot of films and slowly getting a hang of it. So, I have made it very clear that, if it is under PRK, it has to be content-oriented," signs off Ashwini.

Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar

A still from the film

Shakuntala Devi trailer out: Vidya Balan plays mathematician torn between family and numbers

The trailer for *Shakuntala Devi* is out. Directed by Anu Menon, the upcoming biopic stars Vidya Balan as mathematician and 'human computer' Shakuntala Devi.

The nearly 3-minute trailer captures her journey from a precocious schoolgirl in India to a revered academic in London. "Math has no rules! Only magic," Shakuntala says, calling the subject her best friend. We also see her solve complex problems backwards and earn a mention in the Guinness Book of World Records.

The mood shifts when we are introduced to Shakuntala's family — played by Sanya Malhotra and Jisshu Sengupta. We learn that the genius mathematician has been an absent mother, which leads to a clash when her daughter grows up and tries to reunite with her. "Why be normal when I can be amazing?" Shakuntala quips, the trailer flipping back into its jaunty spirit.

Shakuntala Devi is set to premiere on Amazon Prime Video on July 31. The film also stars Amit Sadh. Vidya Balan recently turned producer with the short film Natkhat. Her upcoming project is Sherni, directed by Amit V Masurkar.

Dhruva Sarja, wife Prerana test positive for coronavirus

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With the Covid-19 pandemic spreading rapidly across the country, celebrities have also started getting affected by the virus. The recent news is that Kannada actor Dhruva Sarja and his wife Prerna have tested positive for Covid-19. The couple have got admitted to a private hospital with mild symptoms.

Dhruva shared the news on his Twitter handle and has asked the people who were in contact with him and his wife recently to get themselves tested. Dhruva's family members and acquaintances who were in contact are being tested now. The *Pogaru* actor has been keeping a low profile since the untimely demise of his brother, Chiranjeevi Sarja. Dhurva had recently visited the farmhouse, where his brother was laid to rest and paid homage. There has been an outpour of supportive messages from fans of Dhruva Sarja, and industry members wishing them a speedy recovery.

On the professional front, Dhruva Sarja is awaiting the release of *Pogaru*. The film directed by Nanda Kishore and produced by BK Gangadhar has Rashmika Mandanna playing the female lead. The team has two more songs left to be shot to call it a wrap and they plan to get it done after getting clearance from the government.

..My wife and I have both been tested positive for COVID-19 with mild symptoms and hence chosen to get ourselves hospitalised. I'm sure we'll be back all fine! All those who were in close proximity with us please get yourselves tested and remain safe

THE LASTING BATTLE

Aditya Shrikrishna

Both In a recent podcast, Judy Murray — initial coach and mother of Andy and Jamie Murray — talks about how Andy Murray was "moping on the sofa" long after the 2012 Wimbledon final. His pain was all too clear on Centre Court during the trophy ceremony, but this is relatively new information. The only thing, she said, that got him out of the couch was the London Olympics that began soon after Wimbledon that year in the same venue, the same court. He made Gold. Six years later he would let his guard down again, after a gruelling three-setter win in Citi Open in Washington DC. This was different. It was an ATP 500 tournament, not a Grand Slam. It was the third round, not a final. He was ranked in the 800s. But in tennis, like in most life altering events, context matters. Andy Murray, at that point, was trying to return to tennis after over a year of hip injury, surgeries and rehabilitation. He was constantly in pain, deliberating with other players who suffered through the experience, made comebacks or had their careers washed out. The documentary Andy Murray: Resurfacing captures an athlete flat on the ground, his body letting him down with every move even as his heart remains large and ever ready.

The injury issues began after the Wimbledon quarterfinal loss to Sam Querry in 2017, but it could have been the effect of Murray pushing himself to the fullest in the last third of the 2016 tennis season, playing week after week, tournament after tournament, winning them, and securing the no.1 ranking. But the documentary lays bare everything that was theorised about Andy Murray. He was, for a while, the disaster artiste in a sea of great players. His defensive, plucky game bothered top players for various reasons ("his ability to influence your mind is astonishing" is a revealing quote from Resurfacing) while also falling just short in multiple Slam finals till US Open 2012.

On the tennis front, we see Andy Murray, the relentless workman. After the initial rehabilitation, he hits for a while and his pain re-emerges. His coach and physical trainers tell him that the second serve has improved. Murray with his disarming deadpan, "Such a long way to go and we must get pumped about the second serve?" Resurfacing refers to the hip resurfacing surgery, but it is also resurfacing of a tennis player we know all too well and what makes him tick. Why he is who he is and why the practice of wearing his heart on his sleeve is unsurprising, a gateway to other things he is known for — his feminist instincts, his advocacy of women's tennis, his openness to issues within and beyond tennis. At least in tennis, until this era, crying on court after a victory or a loss was considered taboo, a display of emotion that athletes, especially men, are not supposed to partake in front of thronging crowds. The boys-don't-cry mentality was all pervasive but over the last 15 years, this has changed. Andy's myriad other character traits trickle down from this sensitivity. Showing vulnerability also means the allowance for empathy.

Resurfacing is that rare sports documentary that's neither an underdog story nor about a trash talking legend sneaking his way into greatness. It's the complete anti-thesis to all of that. A lot of times in the documentary, we see Andy turn around and sigh in a hospital bed. He records videos of himself before press conferences, before important matches, what were then comeback matches, but Andy still hasn't returned for good. It's a peek into a tennis player's mind, someone who doesn't have a clear path ahead, does not know if he'll ever heal and when he'll be able to play top flight tennis again.

He tries everything; at one point he parkours to train his post-surgery hip to take the hits. It's apparent that the process is more arduous than the injury or rehabilitation itself. What eats into his mental health during this time is the indeterminate nature of this state. It's not a match that's going to end in three or five sets. Not knowing when he'll be completely pain free, not knowing when he'll be able to play like before, not knowing whether he should retire. Kimberly Murray, Andy's wife, says that he wants someone to tell him to shut it all down but she knows it's not her or other team member's place to tell him to stop. It will last or be fulfilling only if Andy makes the decision himself.

Resurfacing also goes into what a casual fan might consider the negative sides of Andy Murray — the on-court demeanour, the madness directed at his player's box and the cursing, so much cursing that it is celebrated in GIFs. His brother talks about how tennis rescued a devastated Andy after their parents' divorce and Jamie going away to train, and the negativity part of it is what finds an outlet in this theatre. Resurfacing is full of such extremely personal nuggets from everyone — his wife, his mother, his coaches, trainers and doctors. It's hard enough for an artiste — and athletes are artistes — to put their work out there and it's only harder to be secure enough to put a documentary like this out there, an achingly close look at the physical and mental grind of a tennis player battling more than just opponents on court.

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